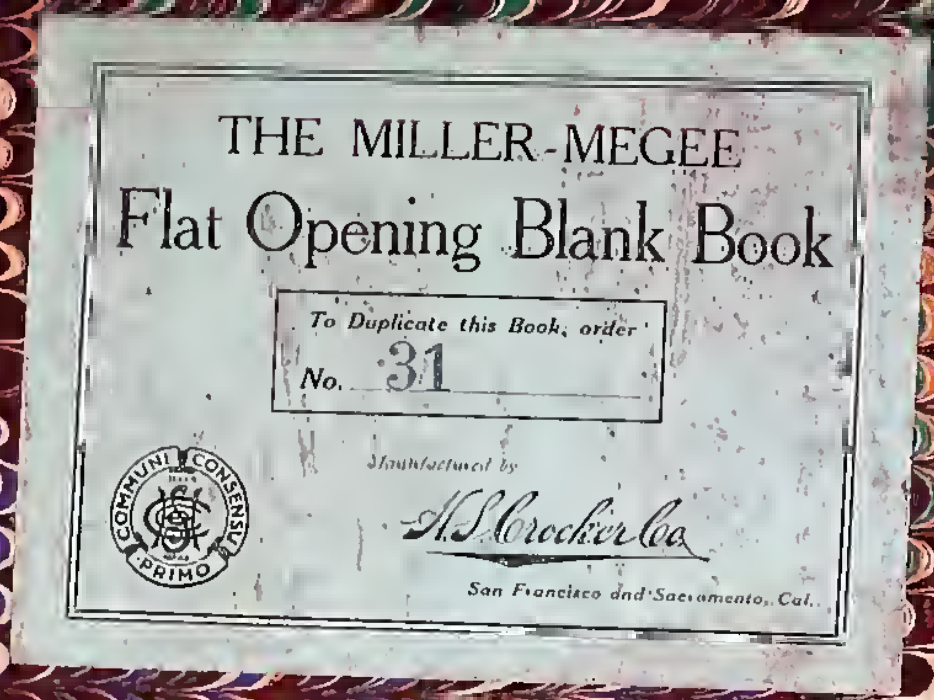


Re. Municipal Railroad across Golden Gate Park:

May 4th, 1916	Page	563
May 18th 1916	"	600
May 25th 1916	"	609-610-611
July 13th 1916	"	632

Communications etc., filed in Miscellaneous drawer of Safe file.

Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2017 with funding from
San Francisco Public Library

https://archive.org/details/minutesboardofpa1913sanf

San Francisco, April 10th, 1913.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, April 10th, 1913,

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum.

Absent Com. Curtis H. Lindley.

Minutes approved.

The minutes of the previous meeting, a copy of which had been sent to each Commissioner, were, upon motion of Com. Spreckels, seconded by Com. Greenebaum and carried, adopted as the minutes of the meeting held March 27th, 1913.

Proposition to erect statue to "The Pioneer Mother" endorsed by Park Commissioners.

Mrs. Ella Sterling Mighels appeared before the Board and read her letter on the subject of a twenty thousand ($20,000.) dollar statue to the "Pioneer Mother" and asked the Park Commissioners to endorse her plan to have it occupy the place of honor in the fine arts division of our approaching fair after which it is to be given to the Park Commissioners to be placed in the center of the Civic Center.

Mrs. Mighels was told that the members were in accord with the sentiments expressed in her letter and that they endorsed her proposition to erect the statue suggested by her.

Plan to improve Stanyan Street referred to Supt. John McLaren.

Mr. J. P. Martin submitted a plan to improve the Stanyan Street side of the Park from Oak to Frederick Street. The plan provides for a walk on the east side of the Park; he said it would be a great convenience for all the people and had been endorsed by many improvement clubs.

#2

to the motion that the Committee presenting the plans act with the Superintendent.

Motion carried as amended.

Vote of thanks.

Mr. Grove C. Ayers was tendered a vote of thanks by the Commissioners for his donation of a rare selection of seeds from Australia.

Re. electroliers for Mission Park; referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from Mayor Jas. Rolph, Jr., regarding six bronze electroliers which the Board of Supervisors had turned over to the Mission Promotion Association to be installed in Mission Park, The Mayor requests that the Board of Park Commissioners petition the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors to appropriate six hundred ($600.) dollars for the purpose of transferring the electroliers to the Mission Park and setting them up.

After due deliberation and consideration of the electroliers, the Board decided that they were unsuitable and on motion duly made, seconded and carried the question of suitable electroliers was referred to Supt. McLaren for a report at the next meeting.

To thank Mayor for Grand Jury's report.

Communication from Mayor Rolph with enclosure relative to the report of the Committee of the Grand Jury on Parks and Playgrounds, a copy of which had been received and considered at a previous meeting.

Secretary to acknowledge receipt of letter with thanks.

Re. improvement of Great Highway.

Communication from Mayor James Rolph, Jr., stating that a large delegation of the residents of the Oceanside District had called upon him on the morning of March 30th, 1915 urging that something be done to improve the Great Highway between Lincoln Way and the Sloat Boulevard. Mayor Rolph says he is in favor of constructing a permanent esplanade along the beach and

#3

if such a permanent improvement is impossible at this time can the Board suggest any method whereby temporary improvements can be made before the 4th day of February, 1915 and he offers his assistance in furthering any project that may be recommended by the Commissioners.

Referred to Secretary for answer.

Letter of thanks.

Communication from Julius Wagenheim, President of the San Diego Park Commission, expressing again their appreciation of the elk and buffalo.

Ordered filed.

Re. shells donated to Park.

Communication from Lieut. Col. Chas. H. Ruggles informing the Secretary that the shell will be shipped to Supt. McLaren within the next day or two.

Communication ordered filed.

Re. shipment of shells.

Communication from Lieut. Col. Chas. H. Ruggles informing Secretary de Succa that having received the two ($2.) dollars in payment for the packing of the forty shells donated to San Francisco, they were shipped on the 4th inst.

Letter ordered filed.

Application for position.

Communication from Battista Passera making application for a position as gardener in Golden Gate Park.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Letter of thanks.

Communication from J. H. Maiden, Curator of the Botanical Gardens, Sydney, N. S. W., Australia, returning thanks for one of the 42nd Annual Reports which makes a valuable addition to their collection.

Report on water.

Report of the Department of Public Health concerning the purity of the water at different places in the Park.

Ordered filed.

#4

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from S. J. McAtee, Assistant Secretary to the Mayor, relative to a petition for the erection of a fence around Fairmount Park, promising to plant flowers and cultivate it if this is done.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. use of special drinking water.

Communication from J. S. Dunnigan, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, stating that the Finance Committee requests a discontinuance of the expense of special drinking water, "as it is no better than the ordinary supply" and this unnecessary expense must be shut off.

Referred to Secretary.

Referred to Secretary.

Communication from the Unites States Department of Agriculture, requesting information as to the number of elk in captivity in Golden Gate Park.

Referred to Secretary.

Referred to Secretary.

Communication from C. G. Woodbury, Chief in Horticulture Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, requesting information regarding the Park system in San Francisco.

Referred to Secretary.

Letter of thanks.

Communication from E. T. Wheeler, Asst. Commissioner of the Interior, Porto Rico, thanking this Board for their 42nd Annual Report, which will be of great advantage to their Department and offering to send this Board their annual report if it would be of any use.

Re. copper coins referred to Secty.

Communication from P. E. McCarthy who desires to exchange a lot of copper coins for duplicate copper coins in the Museum-Golden Gate Park.

Secretary was instructed to ask him what particular coins he desires to exchange for those in his possession.

#5

Letter of thanks.

Communication from J. Brennan, Secretary of the Oso Avenue Improvement Club, tendering their thanks for placing a fence around Oso Park.

Ordered filed.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from S.A. Hadadon, applying for a position as laborer who is endorsed by A.T. McCreery.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Bill for wild geese.

Communication from F.W. Masterson, notifying the Board that he was shipping twenty six (26) wild geese enclosing bill for thirteen ($13.) dollars.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from D. E. Geary, asking for a position in the Park.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Use of Stadium granted.

Communication from Jas. McGrath, Secretary of the San Francisco Driving Club, requesting the use of the Stadium track for Sunday, May 11th, 1913. No other request having been received for that date, their request was granted.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from Jonathan Begg, expert locator of water and hydraulic engineer, stating that there is no need of any one digging a dry hole for water as he has the location of it down to a scientific exactness.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from Robison Bros. to Supt. McLaren stating, that they could not get his price for the quail and therefore cannot make the trade for the swans. Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. play ground apparatus.

Communication from A. D. Stanley, Sedalia, Mo., Park Commissioner, wishing to learn the address of the concerns that furnished us with the various apparatus that we have installed at the Playgrounds.

Referred to Secretary for answer.

#6

Request for copy of records.

Communication from C. A. Henning, requesting a copy of the conditions under which the Park Commission required the sewer to be built through the Park on a line with 48th Avenue from Lincoln Way to Cabrillo Street.

Referred to Secretary.

Report on milk and cream.

Report from Wilfred H. Kellogg, Director of Laboratories, on milk and cream samples submitted to him.

Referred to Supt. La Rue, of Childrens Quarters.

Report of Supt. of Parks.

Report of Supt. McLaren making many recommendations of needed improvements, all of which were approved and the Superintendent requested to carry them out.

Curator's report.

Report of Curator of Museum read and ordered placed on file.

Report of Supt. Childrens Quarters.

Report of Superintendent of Childrens quarters read and copy ordered sent to each Commissioner.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

A representative of the Mandel Combination Post Card Machine Company asked for the privilege of taking pictures on the Great Highway.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Bids on hose.

The following bids for six thousand (6000') feet one inch (1") four ply hose were opened:

American Rubber Mfg. Co.:

6000 ft. 1" 4 ply Bonasa water hose, coupled in 50 ft. lengths .22½ per foot.

Gutta Percha Rubber Mfg. Co.:

6000 ft. 1" 4 ply Maltese Cross Carbolized hose, coupled .27 per foot.

1" 4 ply braided hose, coupled .18 "

1" 4 ply Wallabout " " .15 "

Bowers Rubber Works:

6000 ft. 1" 4 ply couplings attached .13½ per foot.

#7

Goodyear Rubber Company:

6000 ft. 1" 4 ply Goodyear Special coupled in 50 ft. lengths $.13¼ per foot.

1" 4 ply Gold Seal Extra quality coupled in 50 ft. lengths .17 "

Contract awarded.

The Goodyear Rubber Company being the lowest bidder were awarded the contract, all other bids being rejected.

Adjourned.

There being no further business the Board adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary.

April 24th, 1913.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, April 24th, at 3:30 P.M.,

Present were: Com. Curtis H. Lindley,
Com. A. B. Spreckles,
Com. M. Earl Cummings.

Absent were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum.

Com. Lindley president pro tem.

In the absence from the City of Pres. W. H. Metson, Com. Spreckels moved that Com. Lindley act as Chairman of the meeting. Motion was seconded by Com. Cummings; motion, being stated by Secty. de Succa, carried.

Minutes approved.

On motion of Com. Spreckels the minutes of the previous meeting, a copy of which had been forwarded to each Commissioner, were adopted as the minutes of the meeting held April 10th, 1913.

Re. application for erection of Washington Memorial

Communication from E. M. Levy, requesting to be notified when application for the erection of a Washington Memorial could be heard.

Secretary instructed to notify Mr. Levy that Thursday, May 8th, 1913 at 3:30 P.M. would be an agreeable time to have his application considered.

Request for use of Stadium track by California Driving Club.

Communication from the California Driving Club asking the privilege of the Stadium track for the following dates, May 18th, June 1st and June 15th. The Board decided to allow each Club every alternate Sunday, beginning with the San Francisco Driving Club's request for May 11th, 1913.

San Francisco Driving Club applies for Stadium track.

Communication from the San Francisco Driving Club, asking that they be allowed the use of the Stadium

track, Sunday, May 11th, and every alternate Sunday this season if they so desire.

Request granted.

Re. donation of bronze cannon by U. S. Government referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from Edward Rainey, Secretary to his Honor, the Mayor, with enclosures from Colonel R. Birine, Ordnance Department, U. S. A., informing the Mayor that the Act of Congress approved March 4th, 1913 (Public 442) (S. 8273) provides among others "for the donation to the City of San Francisco, for the use of the Pioneer' Women's Log Cabin in Golden Gate Park, of one condemned bronze or brass cannon, with its carriage and a suitable outfit of cannon balls. It is suggested by the Colonel that the Mayor place himself in communication with the Commanding Officer of the Arsenal in regard to the matter. A blue print showing a pyramid of shot with instructions for permanently piling them was also received.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from the West of Fillmore Street Improvement Club, complaining of the neglect and delapidated condition of Hamilton Square.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Permission granted to the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. to extend high power lines across the Park.

Communication from F. W. Sawyer, referred to the Board of Park Commissioners by J.S. Dunnigan, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, requesting to know by whose authority the Pacific Gas & Electric Company extended its high power lines across the Park from Richmond to Sunset District near 20th Avenue.

Secretary directed to notify Mr. Sawyer that the Board of Park Commissioners gave them the necessary permission to cross the Park.

#3

Drinking fountains on streets not within jurisdiction of Park Commission.

Communication from Edward Rainey, Secretary to his Honor, Mayor Rolph, stating that the Mayor was in receipt of a communication from the Officers of the San Francisco Church Federation in which reference is made to the necessity of drinking fountains and convenience station on the public streets.

Secretary instructed to notify the Mayor that the Board of Park Commissioners are prohibited by the Charter from expending any portion of the Park Funds for drinking fountains or convenience stations on the public streets. They being under the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Works, the Park Commission can do nothing in the matter.

Re. defective hose supplied by the Crandley Rubber and Supply Company.

Communication from Walter W. Derr, Manager of the Fidelity and Deposit Company, enclosing copy of a letter received by him from the Crandley Rubber & Supply Company, in which they say that the hose guaranteed for two years shows that it was dragged around, over gravel walks, until it became worn through from the outside and that the hose is not defective and they were prepared to go to the law to prove it.

The Fidelity & Deposit Company states that under the circumstances, in view of the position taken by the Crandley Rubber & Supply Company, they will have to let the parties to the dispute agree upon some settlement of the matter.

Supt. McLaren reporting that the question only involved an amount equal to about thirty ($30.) dollars, the Board directed the Secretary to notify the Crandley Rubber and Supply Company that their conduct in this matter is unsatisfactory to the members of the Park Commission.

#4.

Thanks Board of Park Commissioners for award of contract.

Communication from the Goodyear Rubber Co. thanking the Commissioners for the award of contract for the supplying of six thousand (6000) feet of hose and stating that they will guarantee their hose for one year.

Re. shrubbery in Mission Park, referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from the Mission Promotion Association stating that they had received numerous complaints from residents in the vicinity of Mission Park that the shrubbery in the said Park is used by tramps as a resting place and asking that the shrubbery be removed or at least trimmed.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Request to practice football in Mission Park granted and referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from H. P. Hauser, Associated Students of the Mission High School, asking to be allowed to practice foot ball in Mission Park until June 1st, and again from August 11th to December 1st.

On motion of Com. Spreckles, seconded by Com. Cummings, and carried, the students were given two weeks in which to practice.

At the end of the two weeks Supt. McLaren is to report as to the amount of damage done, before deciding to extend the time.

Supt. McLarens report.

Report of Supt. McLaren requesting further time in which to report on the proposition of improving the Stanyan Street frontage of Golden Gate Park.

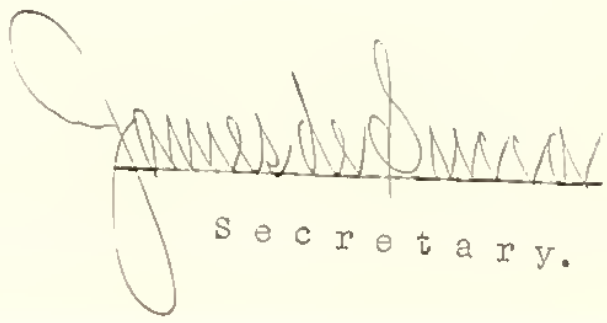
Report read and request granted.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

An anonymous letter suggesting that sand be placed in the bottom of the lake in Mission Park was referred to Supt. McLaren.

Adjourned.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned, subject to the call of the President.



Secretary.

San Francisco, May 8th, 1913.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, May 8th, at 3:30 P.M.

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum,
Com. Curtis H. Lindley,
Com. M. Earl Cummings.

Absent: Com. A. B. Spreckels.

Minutes approved.

On motion of Com. Greenebaum, seconded by Com. Lindley and carried, the minutes of the previous meeting, a copy of which had been forwarded to each Commissioner, were adopted as the minutes of the meeting held April 24th, 1913.

Bond of Goodyear Rubber Co.

Communication from the Goodyear Rubber Co., submitting a bond for one hundred and two ($102.) dollars guaranteeing their hose to last one year.

The bond was referred to Pres. Metson.

Convenience station on Great Highway recommended.

Communication from Chief of Police D. A. White enclosing report submitted to him by Police Officer Dolan, in which he very strongly represents the necessity of the immediate construction of a convenience station somewhere between the Cliff House and Fulton Street.

The Secretary was instructed to notify the Chief that owing to the lack of funds, it was impossible to construct the necessary convenience station until the beginning of the next fiscal year.

Re. electric light system.

Communication from Ira H. Potchin, Department of Parks, New York City, N.Y., in which he states that Commissioner Stover will forward designs of electric lamps now used in parks under the jurisdiction of his Department, and that he had forwarded the letter received

#2

from the Secretary of the Golden Gate Park Commission to Hon. Henry Thompson, Commissioner, Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity for any further information he may be able to send the San Francisco Park Commission.

Secretary instructed to thank the gentlemen for their kindness in our behalf.

Communication re. lighting system.

Communication from M.J. Kennedy, Commissioner of Park Borough, Brooklyn, N.Y., stating that he had transmitted a copy of our letter to the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity of the City of New York, who has charge of the lighting of the parks in that Borough with the request that they furnish us with the information desired.

Secretary instructed to return Mr. Kennedy the thanks of the Commissioners.

Re. lighting system.

Communication from F. E. Feucote, Department of Public Works, Pittsburgh, Pa., stating that they have no park lighting system, but that on the main streets they have " 10 ampere flame carbon arc lamps, which make the illuminations on this street about as near daylight as it is possible".

Secretary to send thanks of the Board.

From Chicago Park Commission re. lighting system.

Communication from J. F. Foster, General Superintendent, South Park Commission, Chicago, in which he says: "Our best lighted street is Michigan Avenue north of 12th Street where the lighting is supplied from iron posts, supporting clusters of globes enclosing a hundred Watt Tungsten lamp each. These posts are placed at intervals of eighty (80) feet on each side of the street facing one another. This furnishes a very excellent lighting and is not a disagreeable light.

These posts are quite ornamental and are rather expensive. I am sending prints of the different posts we have used in our service."

Secretary instructed to send thanks of Commission to Mr. Foster.

Re. Arnold's Reports on Transportation Facilities.

Communication from J. S. Dunnigan, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, requesting that the Park Commissioners send for an allotment of Arnold's Reports on Transportation Facilities of the City of San Francisco.

Communication ordered filed.

To make application for bronze tablet from U.S.S. Maine.

Communication from Edward Rainey, with enclosure from Hon. Julius Kahn, relative to a bronze tablet made from metal recovered from the U.S.S. "Maine".

Secretary instructed to notify his Honor, Mayor Rolph, to make formal application for the tablet for Golden Gate Park.

Re. races of Driving Club.

Communication from A. Ottinger, desiring that the California Driving Club and the San Francisco Driving Club have alternate Sundays for races at the Stadium, commencing with the San Francisco Driving Club on May 11th.

No action was necessary as that had been the order of the Board at their meeting held April 24th, 1913.

Re. cashing labor demands.

Communication from Treasurer McDougald, naming three conditions that must be complied with in obtaining money on demands at the Treasurer's office.

Communication ordered filed.

Re. collection of demands.

Communication from Auditor Thos. F. Boyle, notifying the Secretary that in the future he cannot obtain the demands from his office as had been his custom in the past, unless he obtains a power of attorney from each and every employee whose demand he requests.

Secretary instructed to comply with the instructions received.

To thank Department of Interior, for reports.

Communication from Acting Commissioner Wheeler of Department of the Interior of Porto Rico, advising that they had mailed to this office a copy of the Annual Report for the years 1911 and 1912, respectively.

Secretary instructed to thank the Acting Commissioner for the reports.

Offer of Joshua Hendy Iron Works referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from Mr. H. A. Smith, representing the Joshua Hendy Iron Works, proposing to furnish and install lights in the City Parks of the style shown on sketch herewith submitted, with one 16" and one 7" balls tungsten lamps, receptacles, wired from switch at base, upwards for the sum of seventy ($70.) dollars each.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Old paper accepted for Museum.

Communication from A. L. Darrow, enclosing copy of the Register Leader which had been continually published for several years before the Civil War. It is a relic of the great flood and should prove of great interest to the visitors to the Park Museum.

Paper accepted with thanks and referred to Curator.

Proposition of Monson Bros., referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from Monson Bros., proposing to do the sidewalks and curbs around the Mission Park convenience station as per plans and specifications for the sum of four hundred and eighty seven ($487.) dollars, and to furnish the lighting fixtures for fifty ($50.) dollars.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

To plant floral design of welcome to Herman Sons. Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from Supervisor Oscar Hocks, stating that in the month of September there will be quite a number of delegates and their wives here to attend the Convention of the Order of Herman Sons and asks that a space in front of the Conservatory be reserved for a floral inscription of welcome to the

#5

delegates who will then be visitors to our Exposition City. Board voted to comply with the request and referred the subject matter to Supervisor Hocks and Supt. McLaren.

Re. grounds around Richmond Police Station.

Communications from Geo. R. Meyerderks of the Park Richmond Improvement Club, J. S. Dunnigan, Clerk of the Board of Supervisor, and Chas. F. Skelly, Secretary to the Police Commissioners, all relative to beautifying the grounds around the Richmond Police Station.

Supt. McLaren reported that the work has been under was for some days.

Letter of thanks.

Communication from W. H. Little, thanking the Park Commissioners for the people living around Alamo Square for the promised tennis court in said square.

Letter of thanks.

Communication from the Sutro Heights Improvement Club, thanking the Park Commissioners for the good work accomplished for their section by parking the sand banks along the southerly line of Fulton street from 42md to 46th Avenue. The improvement is highly appreciated by all.

Communication ordered filed.

Budget estimate.

The report of the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors on the Budget Estimate, 1913-14 received, which places the estimate for the Park Fund at three hundred and sixty six thousand, one hundred ($366,100.) dollars.

Ordered filed.

To present bouquet as prize.

Communication from the San Francisco Junior Exposition asking for a donation of some kind.

Secretary instructed to promise a handsome bouquet.

#6

Report on ice cream and milk.

Communication from W. H. Kellogg, Director of Laboratories, giving his report on his examination of samples of ice cream and milk submitted on April 8th, 14th, 22nd and 28th.

Referred to Pres. Metson.

Supt. McLaren's report.

Report of Supt. McLaren was read and recommendations adopted.

Curator's report.

Report of Curator Barron read and filed.

Supt. La Rue's report for May Day.

Report of Supt. La Rue showing an expenditure of one thousand and forty eight dollars and 98/100 ($1048.98) for the free May Day celebration at the Childrens Quarters.

A copy of the report was ordered sent to each Commissioner.

Com. Lindley to investigate Jefferson Square controversy.

In consequence of a controversy being raised as to the legality of using Jefferson Square for other than park purposes, Com. Curtis H. Lindley promised to investigate the matter and report to the Board at some future meeting.

Re. 48th Ave. sewer. Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from M. M. O'Shaughnessy, City Engineer, addressed to Supt. McLaren submitting an agreement containing the conditions under which the proposed sewer across Golden Gate Park, along the line of 48th Avenue, should be built; to wit: That the party of the first part hereby grant unto the party of the second part the right to construct, maintain and operate a re-enforced concrete sewer and appurtenances across Golden Gate Park along the line of 48th Avenue extension together with the right to enter upon the premises for such purposes.

The agreement was referred to Supt. McLaren with recommendations from the Board limiting the time of construction, dividing the work into three sections, etc.

#7

Request to use water granted. Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication addressed to Supt. McLaren from F. Rolandi, general contractor, in which he agreos to pay fifteen ($15.) dollars per month for the use of the water necessary for the construction of the sewer across the Park, the water to be furnished from the park water system.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Wave Motor Power Co. to remove plant from Beach.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried the Secretary was instructed to notify the Wave Motor Power Company to remove the said plant from its present location on the Beach near the Park within fifteen (15) days from date of notice.

Request for swans denied.

Communication from S. Summerfield, addressed to Pres. Metson, in which he asks for two pair of white swans for the University of Nevada.

Supt. McLaren reported that there was not a surplus of white swans at present, but they could have some mallard duck and Canadian geese.

Secretary instructed to so notify Mr. Summerfield.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary.

San Francisco, May 22nd, 1913.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, May 22nd, at 3:30 P.M.,

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum.

Absent were: Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Com. Curtis H. Lindley.

Minutes approved.

On motion of Com. Spreckels, seconded by Com. Greenebaum, and carried, the minutes of the previous meeting, a copy of which had been forwarded to each Commissioner, were adopted as the minutes of the meeting held May 8th, 1913.

Re. municipal playground.

Communication from C.A. Cooke, President of the Northern California Hotel Association in which they "heartily endorse the building and early completion of the municipal playground at Lincoln Park", considered.

Copies of communication ordered sent to the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Supervisors.

Re. municipal playground.

Communication from E.D. Moore, Managing Director of the Tourist Association of the San Francisco Bay and River Counties, considered. The Association endorses the movement to "establish a municipal playground in San Francisco with golf links, tennis courts, etc., to be available for the use of tourists as well as residents of San Francisco."

Copies of letter ordered sent to Board of Supervisors and Finance Committee of Board of Supervisors.

Referred to Secretary.

Communication from Frank F. Atkinson of the Park Department of Sacramento, California, requesting information relative to the regulations prescribing the

qualifications of gardeners, landscape artists, etc., and also the rules and regulations for the government of the Park Commission.

Referred to Secretary for answer.

To thank City Engineer of New York for information forwarded.

Communication from C.F. Lacombe, Chief Engineer of New York, submitting a three page letter full of valuable information regarding the Park system of lighting in New York City, also a number of designs and photographs of Central Park lighted at night.

Secretary instructed to send a letter of thanks to Mr. Lacombe.

Asking co-operation of Park Commission for P.P.I.E.

Communication from C.C. Moore, President of the Panama Pacific International Exposition Company, the purpose of which is "to enlist the assistance of the members of the Park Commission to secure for San Francisco all the conventions possible."

A copy of this letter was ordered sent to each Commissioner.

Re. improvement of Stadium, referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from a Committee representing the San Francisco Driving Club suggesting certain improvements at the Stadium track and its surroundings.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Board unable to purchase tusk.

Communication from C.A. Kline, #710 Jewelers Building, 150 Post Street, offering to sell a mastodon tusk weighing one hundred and twenty eight (128) pounds.

Secretary instructed to notify Mr. Kline that owing to lack of funds the Board cannot buy the tusk.

Re. park lighting system.

Communication from A.J. Sindler, Secretary of Department of Public Service, Cleveland, Ohio, advising that the Director of Public Service, Mr. Springborn, is at the present time receiving designs for the equipment of the entire park system and will give us the results of his investigations when completed.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Concert on Bunker Hill Day.

Communication from Geo. W. Caswell, Secretary of Bunker Hill Association, calling the Board's attention to the approaching 138th Anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill, requesting that appropriate exercises take place on June 17th, 1913, repeating the splendid program of 1912.

Pres. Metson stated that he had already spoken to Mr. Cassasa, leader of the Park band, and that the request of Mr. Caswell will be attended to.

Re. cannon and chimney of Log Cabin, referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from the Assistant Secretary to Mayor Rolph, relative to the delay in receiving the cannon from the Government, also

Stating that there is no draft to the chimney at The Pioneer Woman's Cabin.

Referred to Superintendent McLaren.

Request for use of Stadium, granted and referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from the Young Men's Christian Association, requesting the use of the speed track and athletic field at the Stadium, June 28th, 1913. The events will include the Pony express race, mounted wrestling, rescue race and other mounted gymnastics.

Referred to Supt. McLaren-request granted, and Superintendent instructed to see that the track is put in good condition for the horses Sunday, June 29th, 1913.

Re. Memorial Day exercises.

Communication from J. H. Roberts, Secretary of Memorial Day Committee, extending a cordial invitation to the members of the Board of Park Commissioners to attend the exercises at the National Cemetery on Friday, May 30th, 1913.

Secretary instructed to send thanks of Board to Committee and Supt. McLaren instructed to supply all the flowers required for the occasion.

#4

Request for information re. dancing.

Communication from H. E. Flack, Baltimore, Md., asking for information relative to dancing platforms in the public parks of San Francisco.

Referred to Secretary for answer.

Request for use of Stadium track July 4th, 1913. Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from the California Driving Club, asking for the Stadium track July 4th, 1913.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with instructions that if the track is not already engaged for that day, that the request be granted.

To thank Caledonian Club for invitation.

Communication from the Caledonian Club, inviting the members of the Park Commission to attend the 46th Annual Gathering at Shellmound Park, enclosing five complimentary tickets.

Secretary to return thanks of the Board to the Club.

Report on water.

Report of the Board of Public Health, relative to the condition of the water at the several points in the Park.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Report on milk and cream.

Report of W. H. Kellogg, Department of Public Health, on the examination of samples of milk, cream and ice cream submitted to him May 12, 1913.

The report not coming up to the expectations of the Board, the Secretary was instructed to notify the Columbia Dairy Company that if they do not make a better showing at once, a change would be made to another dealer.

Supt. McLaren to purchase hay.

The question of the purchase of hay being discussed, on motion of Com. Sprechels, seconded by Com. Greenebaum, the purchase of hay was referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Commercial Wave Power Company granted further time.

A representative of the Commercial Wave Power Company appeared before the Board and requested an exten-

sion of ninety (90) days in which to remove their demonstrating plant from the Ocean Beach.

On motion of Com. Greenebaum, the Company was given thirty days (30) further time. This motion was amended by Com. Sprockels to fifteen (15) days.

Amendment carried.

Proposition to publish program.

Mr. Morris, appearing before the Board, asked for the privilege of publishing a musical program to be distributed around the Band Stand.

He was requested to put his proposition in writing.

Re. Washington Monument.

Mr. Eugene M. Levy appeared before the Board and requested that space be reserved for a George Washington monument in the Civic Center.

He was given further time in which to submit a design of the Statue to be erected, if given space in the Civic Center.

Re. show cases for Museum. Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Com. Greenebaum recommended that some new show cases be furnished the Curator of the Museum.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned, subject to the call of the President.

Secretary.

San Francisoo, June 5th, 1913.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, June 5th, 1913.

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. C. H. Lindley,
Com. S. Greenebaum,
Com. M. Earl Cummings.

Absent: Com. A. B. Spreckels.

Minutes approved.

On motion of Commissioner Lindley seconded by Commissioner Greenebaum and carried, the minutes of the previous meeting, a copy of which had been forwarded to each Commissionor, were adopted as the minutes of the meeting held May 22-1913.

Calif. Associated Cycling Clubs, re-Stadium, June 22.

Communication from California Associated Cycling Clubs request permission to hold a series of bicycle races at the Bicycle Track at Stadium, on Sunday, June 22, 1913, commencing at 2 P.M.

Permission granted.

H. L. Jones, re-Pt. Bonita Cannon.

Communication from H. L. Jones, Master Coast Defonce Steamer "Barrett", suggesting the obtaining of the oannon on bluff at Pt. Bonita, whcih once soundod a welcome and also a warning to the pioneers when approaching the Colden Gate in a fog. Entered filed

C. H. Corman, re-Canadian Geese.

Communication from C. H. Gorman, Comptroller, University of Nevada, accepting with thanks from the Park Commission of San Franoisco, two pair of Canadian Geese, and requesting that they be shipped in his name, c/o University of Nevada, by Wells Fargo & Co Express.

Referred to Suporintendont.

R. A. Roos, re- Water Fountain at Dewey Monument.

Communication from Robert A.Roos,Chairman Decoration & Illumination Committee,requesting permission to erect Water Fountain around Dewey Monument as per plan submitted in the near future.

Board deferred action until design for fountain is submitted.

Atchison,Topeka R.R. re- refund freight charge.

Communication from Atchison,Topeka & Santa Fe R.R.Co.,enclosing sight draft for $7.05 overcharged freight charge.

Secretary instructed to acknowledge receipt of same with thanks.

Suitable Buildings.

Communication from Congressman J.I.Nolan, enclosing printed circular,H.R.5309 which provides for an expenditure of $30,000 for the erection of Building on present site of the Golden Gate Life Saving Station,for the use and accommodation of the men stationed at that point.

Secretary instructed to acknowledge receipt of same.

J. W. Rogers, re- Board walk on Great Highway.

Communication from J.W.Rogers,Clerk of Supervisors,enclosing printed copy of Resolutions, J.R.#762,requesting the Board of Park Commissioners to construct an 8 foot board walk along on the west side of the Great Highway.

Referred to Supt.McLaren with instructions to obtain an estimate of the cost of the said board walk and report at the next meeting of the Board.

J.W.Rogers, Clerk of Supervisors, re- Broderick & Baker Statues.

Communication from J.W.Rogers, Acting Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, enclosing printed circular relative to the placing of Statues of Hon.D.C.Broderick and Hon.E.D.Baker in the civic center, provided the same shall be of design and cost to be approved by the Bureau of Architecture and location approved by them, and provided further that the statuary shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Park Commissioners as per Section10, Article XIV of the Charter.

This resolution was taken under advisement.

Joshua Hendy Iron Works, re- etaire at Haight & Buena Vista.

Communication from Joshua Hendy Iron Works, per K.A.Smith, states that he has discovered what provisions had been made in the concrete columns for the stairs at Haight & Buena Vista. There is an opening at the base and when he installs the electric standards which will be done during the week, he will extend the wiring down through the column and out at the base; so that whenever you desire to, these lighted, connections can be made from that point.

Read and ordered filed.

S. McAtee, re- special permission.

Communication from Mr. S. McAtee, Asst. Secretary to Mayor James Rolph, Jr., asking special permission for the Y.M.C.A. to hold certain mounted events on the turf of the inner oval of the Stadium.

This permission was denied as horses would destroy the turf for other games.

Calif.Driving Club, re- Stadium, July 4th.

Communication from F.W.Thompson requesting the Stadium Race Track on the Fourth of July, 1913.

As the several dates of the two clube had been referred to Supt.McLaren at previous meeting, the Superintendent instructed the Secretary to notify the Calif-Driving Club that they could have use of Stadium track on Fourth of July. Action of Superintendent approved.

Dr.Broderick, re-Drinking water to be analysed.

Communication from Dr.Broderick,Health Office, stating the the Director of Laboratories has been instructed to provide for making analyses of drinking water at Stadium,Windmill Sump,Murphy Windmill Sump and old Windmill at Fulton & 48th Ave.

Ordered filed.

Supt. LaRue's Report.

Report of Superintendent of Children's Quarters for the month of May,1913.

A copy ordered sent to each Commissioner and filed.

Superintendent McLaren's Report.

Report of Supt.McLaren in which he recommends the early settlement of the impression that the Park Commissioners has charge of strip of land,20 feet wide, in the middle of 19th street,and that Park Commission is to plant and seed this strip.

May Day at Stadium.

The Superintendent reports expending One-hundred and fifty-seven($157.00) Dollars in setting up poles and assisting in the decoration at the Stadium; a field day having been given the children by School Department and Supervisors--May-day dancing at thirty-five(35) poles.

Superintendent recommends extension of Ocean Highway.

The Superintendent also recommends that the grading of the Upper Drive along the Great Highway be continued southerly from Riviers street to its junction with the Sloat Boulevard or as far as enough sand can be found to get the required width to carry out this work similar to the previous sections. Will cost about twelve thousand($12,000)Dollars.

Superintendent recommends new Show-cases in Museum.

The Superintendent recommends that four new Show-cases be installed in Museum at a cost of One-hundred and twenty-five($125.00)Dollars each.

The report was received and recommendations adopted.

Bids for lighting fixtures in Convenience Station Mission Park.

Bids were received to furnish the following lighting fixtures for the Convenience Station in Mission Park.

Bid from Ickelheimer Bro.Co.

Ickelheimer Bros, Co:

We will furnish and install the following lighting fixtures at the Mission Park Convenience Station for the sum of ninety-five($95.00)Dollars.

Top of Building	4-4 X 9 R.I.Balls	
Vestibule	2 Pendants	I E. 5"canopies 3/8Iron pipe covered with 7/8 brass casing. 16"Opal reflectors.
Shop	3 Cords	I E. No shades.
Toilets	3 Pendants	I E. 5"canopies 3/8 Iron pipe covered with 7/8 brass casing. 16" Opal reflectors.
Urinals	3 Pendants	I E. 5"canopies 3/8 Iron pipe covered with 7/8 brass casing. 16" Opal reflectors.
Toilet and Top Urinals	10-60 Watt Clear Tungsten Lamps.	
Shop	3-40 " " " "	
Vestibule	2-100 " " " "	

Bid from Thomas Day Company.

Thomas Day Company:

The following fixtures will be furnished and installed for the sum of ninety-eight dollars and fifty cents ($98.50).

4 R. I. Balls,

8 Pendants,

3 Cord Drops,

10-60 Watt Clear Tungsten Lamps,

3-40 " " " "

2-100 " " " "

Bid from Adams,Hollopeter & Mallett.

Adams,Hollopeter & Mallett:

Above Building	4-4 X 9 R.I.Balls,	
Vestibule	2-1 Elec.	Pendants,
Shop	3-1 "	Cord Drops,
Toilets	3-1 "	Pendants,
Urinals	3-1 "	"
Toilet and Top Urinals	10-60 Watt Clear Tungsten Lamps,	
Shop	3-40 " " "	"
Vestibule	2-100 " " "	"

Furnished and installed complete for ninety-seven dollars and fifty cents ($97.50).

Contract awarded Ickelheimer Bros.Co.

The bid of Ickelheimer Bros.Co.being the lowest, they were awarded the contract by the votes of Commissioners Lindley,Cummings,Greenebaum and President Metson.

Bids for lamp posts at Mission Park.

The following bids were received to furnish and set in place the lamp posts for the Mission Park.

Bid from Ralston Iron Works.

Ralston Iron Works will furnish and set in place, as per blue print for the Mission Park,for the sum of seventy-five($75.00)Dollars each. Glass,wiring and concrete base are not included in this estimate.

Bid from Calif. Artistic Metal & Wire Co.

California Artistic Metal & Wire Co.,quote One-hundred and fifty-five($155.00)Dollars for furnishing and delivering at Mission Park,eight(8)ornamental cast iron Lamp Posts,with an additional cost of fifteen($15.00)Dollars each for furnishing glass globes for theabove , electrical work not included. One cost of paint included.

Bid from Rudgear Merle & Co.

Rudgear Merle & Co:

For furnishing and delivering complete eight(8) cast iron Electroliors,as per blue print submittod,for One-hundred and eighty($180.00)Dollars each;quoting an alternate figure of sixty($60.00)Dollars each for furnishing and delivering complete eight(8) cast iron Electroliors, design#110,as per blue print submitted.

Bid from Joshua Hendy Iron Works

Joshua Hendy Iron Works:

Will frunish and install eight(8)special electrical standards,as per blue prints,for One-hundred and ninety-eight($198.00)Dollars. This price to cover the installation,glass ware as shown,two(2) one-hundred(100) Watt lamps wired from the ground line upwards complete and painted to color as directed.

Bids referred to Supt. McLaren.

The Board being undecided as to which firm was the lowest biddor,on motion of Commissioner Lindley, the bids were referred to Supt.McLaron who will confer with the committee from Mission Promotion Assn.,who will investigate all the different conditions and state of financos, and report back to the Board at their next meeting. Motion carried.

Report of Curator Barron.

Report of Curator of Museum,containing many additions of value to Museum, was read and ordered filed.

J.F.O Comstock, re- Relc Fire Extinguisher.

Recommendations from J.F.O.Comstock,Superintendent - Underwriters Fire Patrl of the Relc Fire Extinguisher,stating it is first class in every condition.

Received and filed.

Superintendent reports on Hay Bids.

Superintendent reported as follows: Regarding the bids for Hay received by the Board of Supervisors and referred to me at your last meeting, I would suggest that your Honorable Board take advantage of the bid received by the Supervisors and contract for the supply through the same firms.

The Board approved the Superintendent's suggestion and instructed him to contract with said firm for Wheat and Oat Hay.

Board inspect the proposed McKinnon Monument.

Commissioner Cummings reported that the plaster cast of The Father McKinnon Memorial Monument was now in position at the Junction of the Main and South Drive, near the Ocean Beach.

Commissioner Greenebaum moved that the Members of the Board proceed to the location and pass on the suitability and desirability of the site proposed.

Motion carried.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned, subject to the call of the President.

Secretary.

San Francisco, June 19th, 1913.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, June 19th, 1913:

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. Curtis H. Lindley,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum.

Absent: Com. A. B. Spreckels.

Minutes approved.

On motion of Com. Greenebaum, seconded by Com. Lindley and carried, the minutes of the previous meeting, a copy of which had been forwarded to each Commissioner, were adopted as the minutes of the meeting held June 5th, 1913.

Relative to the McKinnon Monument.

Messrs. T. P. O'Brien and Frank Shea, representing the McKinnon Monument Committee, addressed the members of the Park Commission, urging immediate acceptance of the statue now cast and to be seen at the foundry of De Rome, 150 Main Street. They claimed that the statue was meritorious in workmanship and all its details and said they had the favorable opinions of many gentlemen of artistic taste and a few experts and all declared it a meritorious piece of work.

President Metson stated that the statue had been unfavorably criticized and defects pointed out to him.

It was the wish of the members present that expert opinion be obtained as to the merit of the statue and also have a full Board meeting so that further consideration of the subject was postponed until the next meeting.

The following well known gentlemen have been invited by the Board, through President Metson to view the

statue and give the members of the Board of Park Commissioners their professional opinions as to the merits of the statue from the plaster cast that has been placed at McLarens Bend at the junction of the Main and Middle Drives:

John Galen Howard,
Geo. V. Kellan,
Edgar Matthews,
Edgar Walter,
Arthur Putman,
F. Van Sloan,
G. Cadenasso.

Protest against statue of Father McKinnon.

Communication from Mr. A. L. Foster protesting against any more statues in Golden Gate Park.

Secretary instructed to acknowledge receipt of letter.

Bond of Goodyear Rubber Company.

The bond of the Goodyear Rubber Company for one hundred and two ($102.) dollars to replace their certified check was approved by President Metson and the Secretary instructed to return the check.

Re. Maine Tablet.

Communication from Edward Rainey, Secretary to the Mayor, enclosing letter received from the Secretary of the Navy, relative to a bronze Tablet. The tablets are thirteen (13") by eighteen (18") inches in size and weight about seven (7) pounds. They are distributed free, upon application to the Secretary of the Navy, charges collect.

Matter referred to Secretary who was instructed to make application for one of the tablets.

Communication from Edward Rainey, enclosing letter addressed to his Honor, Mayor James Polph, Jr., from Hon. Julius Kahn and forwarded with application blank

#3

made out and signed by Mayor Rolph for a Maine Memorial Tablet.

Secretary instructed to notify Hon. Julius Kahn that application has been forwarded to the Secretary of the Navy for a tablet.

Request for exchange of animals referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from Director of the Royal Zoological Gardens, New South Wales, asking for the exchange of a pair of young American bison for any Australian animals we may require, such as red and gray kangaroos, wallaroos, emos and cassowarys.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Re. Japanese Temple, referred to Supt. John McLaren.

Communication from M. Hagawara, in possession of the Japanese Tea Garden in Golden Gate Park, for permission to erect in the proposed new Tea Garden a real Japanese Temple, location subject to the approval of the Board.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Re. fountain at Dewey Monument.

Communication from the Secretary of the Portola Festival Committee, stating that the plans for the water fountain around the Dewey Monument are now being prepared and will soon be submitted to the Board for approval.

Ordered filed.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from J. W. Rogers, Acting Clerk of the Board of Supervisors enclosing letter addressed to Adolph Koshland, relative to the unsanitary condition of a part of Alamo Square.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. unsanitary condition of sewer outlet at beach referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from J.J. Getz relative to the status of board walk on the Great Highway and also regarding the unsanitary condition of the sewer outlet

#4

on the Ocean Beach connected with the Seal Rock House and the M & M Hotel.

Motion made and seconded that the City and County Attorney be requested to begin proceedings to abate the nusiance; motion amended to refer the matter to Supt. McLaren for report at the next meeting.

Request to print catalogue of trees denied.

Communication from J. T. Pidwell suggesting that every tree bordering on the walks or roads have a distinctive number placed near it on a sign board or on its trunk and the name contained on a printed catalogue.

Commissioners decided that they had no funds at present.

Park to obtain condemned horses.

Communication from F. T. Kennedy, Secretary, Fire Commissioners, informing the Park Board that the Fire Commission would condemn nine (9) horses of which the Park can obtain four (4) upon application to Mr. R. J. Harris.

Referred to Secretary.

Request for information re. size of parks.

Communication from W. Hogaboom, Director of the Publicity Committee, San Diego Exposition desiring to compare Balboa Park, the San Diego Exposition site, with the other big parks in this country.

Secretary instructed to send last Annual Report.

Bond and contract of Scott, Magner & Miller.

Contract and bond of Scott, Magner, Miller referred to President Metson.

Bond and contract of Producers Hay Co.

Contract and bond of the Producers Hay Company referred to President Metson.

Request for permission to change location of gas main referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from Geo. C. Holberton, Manager San Francisco District, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, requesting permission to suppliment the present iron gas main on the Great Highway between Irving and Fulton Streets with a larger main on the Great Highway from Irving to Fulton Streets the same to be placed in such a location as will in the judgment of the Board seem best.

#5

Work to be done in accordance with instructions of the Park Commission. Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Offer to donate entrance gate at 30th Avenue. Referred for report to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from F. Nelson, submitting a design for an entrance gate opposite 30th Avenue and Lincoln Way which he will build and donate to the Park Commissioners, the only dondition he asks is that the Park Commissioners construct and maintain a suitable roadway connecting with the South Drive, curving to the east or west or both ways and maintain suitable plants in ornamental vases.

Referred to Supt. McLaren to report at the next meeting the probable cost to the Park Commissioners to construct the said road.

Report of Supt. McLaren on cost of board walk on Great Highway.

Supt. McLaren reported that the probable cost of building a board walk twelve (12') feet wide from the foot of the Cliff House Hill to Sloat Boulevard a distance of fifteen thousand eight hundred and forty (15,840) feet will be for material nine thousand seven hundred ($9,700.) dollars, for labor two thousand ($2000.) dollars, a total of eleven thousand seven hundred ($11,700.) dollars.

Secretary instructed to inform the members of the Board of Supervisors of the contents of the report.

Contract awarded for lamp posts in Mission Park.

The Superintendent reported that he had held a conference with the three bidders as to the construction and setting up of the lamp posts in Mission Park and recommended that Rudgear Merle Company be given the contract for four (4) lamp posts at a cost of one hundred and eighty ($180.) dollars each, a total of seven hundred and twenty ($720.) dollars.

On motion of Com. Lindley the recommendation of Supt. McLaren was carried unanimously.

#6

Old pump to be sold.

On recommendation of Supt. McLaren an old pump at Balboa Park valued at twenty ($20.) dollars was ordered sold.

Bonds of Museum employees.

The Secretary is in receipt of the bonds of the following Museum employees: Wm. Altman, Jane Hoffman, W. G. Blunt, Mrs. Mary Walter, Jessie Hooke.

The bonds of the other Museum employees: Geo. H. Barron, W. E. Dennis, Ida Collett, Anita Boyle, Kate Donegan, Margaret Foley and Mary Mahoney are in the possession of the City and County Auditor.

Young moose named.

At the request of Ex-Commissioner Andrew G. McCarthy, two moose, recently born in Golden Gate Park were christened "Balboa" and "Portola".

Offer to lay corner with brick.

Mr. L.A. Steiger of the Steiger Terra Cotta and Pottery Works appeared before the Board and requested permission to lay a portion of the crossing of Fell and Stanyan Streets with vitrilized brick. The Board declared that they would grant him the necessary permission provided he would agree to lay the crossing of Stanyan Street between Oak and Fell Streets. Mr. Steiger replied that he would have to consult his partners and would inform the Board at the next meeting.

Prof. Barron to secure curios.

President Metson suggested that Prof. Barron be given permission to travel North and secure curios.

Permission granted.

Adjourned.

There being no further business the Board adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary.

San Francisco, July 10th, 1913.

Called meeting.

At a meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, July 10th, at 3:30 P.M.,

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. Curtis H. Lindley,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum.

Absent were: Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. M. Earl Cummings.

Minutes approved.

The minutes of the previous meeting, a copy of which had been sent to each Commissioner for approval were, on motion of Com. Lindley, seconded by Com. Greenebaum, approved as the minutes of the meeting held June 19th, 1913.

Letter of thanks from Swedish American Patriotic League.

Communication from Alexander Olsson, Secretary of the Swedish American Patriotic League of California, addressed to Pres. Metson, in which he says "Please accept our appreciation and sincere thanks for your efforts in arranging with Mr. Cassasa of the Golden Gate Park Band to permit us to enjoy Swedish music by the Park Band for the first time in San Francisco".

Communication read and ordered filed.

Re. criticism of Mission Park Convenience Station.

Copy of letter from Architect A.G. Scholz, addressed to Pres. Metson, disproving adverse criticism of the construction of the Mission Park convenience station, made by Mr. Henry Feige.

Read and ordered filed.

Re. bonds of employees.

Communication from Asst. Secretary to Mayor Rolph, relative to nine (9) bonds of the employees of the Park, being those of Secretary and Museum employees which have been sent to Auditor Boyle.

Read and filed.

#2

Re. bonds of employees.

Pres. Metson having examined the bonds of Wm. Altman, Wm. G. Blunt, Mrs. Jane Hoffman, Mrs. Jessie Hooko and Mrs. Mary Walter reports "that these particular bonds seem to be in order" and instructs the Secretary to check them up and make a note as to the time the bonds will run out so that they will not over-run.

The bonds were sent to Mayor Rolph, signed and approved by him and returned to the Secretary who will now forward them to the Auditor.

Re. bond and contract of Scott, Magner & Miller.

Communication from Scott, Magner & Miller, enclosing bond duly executed and acknowledged; and contract properly signed as requested by Pres. Metson after he approved of same.

Read and ordered filed.

Re. erection of monument to G. Verdi composer.

Communication from Asst. Secretary to the Mayor, enclosing letter signed by Ettore Patrizzi, concerning the erection of a monument to Guiseppi Verdi, the composer of many operas, to be placed in Golden Gate Park.

Secretary notified to inform the gentleman that action would be deferred until the request to accept a monument to Rev. Father McKinnon, to be placed in Golden Gate Park, had been disposed of.

Artists and sculptors requested to give their opinions of statue of Father McKinnon.

Copy of letter sent by Pres. Metson inviting the following gentlemen to "look at the McKinnon statue and give the Board members their opinion as to its merits as an artistic or meritorious statue": John Galen Howard, Geo. W. Kelham, Edgar Matthews, Edgar Walter, Arthur Putnam, F. Van Sloan, and G. Cadenasso.

Pres. Metson stated that he had received acceptances from four of the gentlemen at his office, while the Secretary had received the acceptance of two others: Mr. Howard and Mr. Kelham.

#3

Maine Tablet to be shipped to Park Commission.

Communication from Hon. Julius Kahn in which he states that he is in receipt of a communication from the Navy Department informing him that our application for a Maine Tablet had been received and that it will receive prompt and favorable action and that he will attend to the shipping of same about August 2nd, 1913.

Read and ordered filed.

Petition for roadway referred to Supt. McLaren for report.

Petition of thirty two property owners desiring a roadway for the passage of vehicles opened from the Upper Driveway to the Great Highway between 'O' and 'P' Streets for the convenience of the residents and the travelling public. Mrs. T.D. Sullivan and others spoke in favor of the petition and estimated the cost at about fifty ($50.) dollars.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with instructions to report at the next meeting.

Letter of thanks from P.S.A.L.

Communication from the Public School Athletic League, thanking the Park Commissioners and Mr. Peter McIntyre, in charge of the Stadium, for their kindness in having had a guard constructed around the Stadium for the benefit of the League.

Read and filed.

Re. sewer across Park. Referred to Pres. Metson.

Communication from the Board of Public Works with plans of a proposed sewer across Golden Gate Park from 30th Avenue and Lincoln Way to 26th Avenue and Fulton Street. As many conditions were suggested, including a bond from the Board of Public Works, the subject matter was referred to Pres. Metson.

Re. poles for Mission Park. Referred to Supt. McLaren for report.

Communication from Rudgear Merle Company, agreeing to eliminate the cost of installation of electric light poles in Mission Park, making the price for the eight poles, complete, one hundred and eighty ($180.) dollars each, or a total of one thousand four hundred and forty ($1440.) dollars.

#4

Referred to Supt. McLaren who is to learn if he can secure the money from the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors and report at the next meeting.

Drinking cups to be abolished.

Communication from Health Officer R.G. Brodrick, notifying the Park Commissioners that the following locations are not supplied with proper sanitary drinking devices: Jefferson, Portsmouth and Alamo Squares, Columbia Park and Golden Gate Park.. All have chains with cups attached.

Ordinance No. 2446 prohibits the use of the common drinking cup and Mr. Brodrick requests that these cups be removed and sanitary drinking fountains be installed for the benefit of the public.

Supt. McLaren instructed to remove all drinking cups in compliance with the law. The Superintendent reported that five new bubbling drinking fountains were installed during the month of June and said others would follow.

Secretary instructed to notify the Board of Public Health of these changes.

Re.waiver of Noble and Holladay.

Copy of letter sent by Pres. Metson to H. H. Noble calling his attention to his neglect in signing the waiver, which paper had been sent to him about a year ago and which he promised to have signed by Mrs. Holladay and filed with the Park Commission.

Pres. Metson notified Mr. Noble"that the matter has got to be closed up at once, one way or the other, or else the Board will take such steps as it may be advised."

The President reported that he had as yet received no word from Mr. Noble.

Re. water well. Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from Mr. S.H. Halstead who desires to learn whether or not the board has any water well

#5

work in contemplation in the immediate future.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Request for flag pole for St. Marys Square. Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from Rev. Henry J. Stark, Paulist Father, addressed to Supt. McLaren asking for the erection of a flag pole and flag in St. Mary's Square.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with instructions to report at the next meeting.

Request for deer.

Communication from E. L. Grimm requesting information as to where he can get a pair of young deer.

Secretary instructed to answer that we have none to spare at present.

Offer of cannon declines.

Communication from Asst. Secretary to Mayor Rolph, with enclosure from Major Samuel Hof, Ordnance Department, U. S. Army, Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, Illinois, relative to a bronze cannon, carriage and shells for Golden Gate Park.

Secretary instructed to inform Major Hof that we have recently received a cannon and shells from the Benecia Arsenal, that it has been placed in front of the Cabin of the Pioneer Women in Golden Gate Park and that we cannot take care of any others at present.

Request for cuts of scenes in Park, granted.

Communication from R. J. Haight, requesting the loan of four cuts of scenes in Golden Gate Park, to wit: Cypress, Buena Vista Park, Japanese Tea Garden, Golden Gate Park; Childrens Playground, Golden Gate Park and the Chain of Lakes, Golden Gate Park.

By instructions from Supt. McLaren these cuts were sent to Mr. Haight by parcel post.

La Rue's report.

Supt. La Rue's report for the month of June shows receipts $3618.70 and expenses $2661.99, making a gain of $956.71.

Report received and copy ordered sent to each Commissioner.

Curator's report.

Curator Barron's report for June read and ordered filed.

#6

Lobos Square turned over to the P.P.I.E., temporarily.

Com. Curtis H. Lindley desired that the Board put itself squarely on record regarding the permission granted the Panama Pacific International Exposition Company the use of Lobos Square.

The following resolution was then dictated to the Secretary by Pres. Metson:

> RESOLVED: That Lobos Square be and is hereby granted temporarily to the Panama Pacific International Exposition Company during the continuance of the Exposition for Exposition purposes only, and that the said Lobos Square be vacated and restored to the jurisdiction of the Board of Park Commissioners not later than January 1st, 1916.
>
> AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That when the said Lobos Square is restored to the jurisdiction of the Board of Park Commissioners, it be restored in as good condition as when granted temporarily to the Panama Pacific International Exposition Company.
>
> AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a written contract covering the matters set forth in these resolutions be entered into between the Panama Pacific International Exposition Company and this Board forthwith.

Resolution carried unanimously and Secretary instructed to forward copy of resolution to the Panama Pacific International Exposition Company.

Re. board walk on Great Highway.

Supt. McLaren reports "against building a board walk on the Great Highway as on account of the high winds the sand would be carried from under the boards making it unsafe and uncomfortable for walking.

Instead the Superintendent recommended "that the macadam space be widened twelve feet westerly, that a line of posts be set twelve feet apart and that the newly macadamized space, west of the posts, be reserved for pedestrians". To construct this foot path from O Street to Lincoln Way, a distance of five thousand feet would cost about three thousand two hundred and fifty ($3250.) dollars.

#7

Re. improvement of Mt. Lake Park.

The Superintendent recommended that five thousand ($5000.) dollars be set aside for the improvement of Mountain Lake Park.

Report on water.

Report of Board of Public Health giving condition of drinking water in the Park. Read and filed.

Park Commission to pay for shed.

Supt. McLaren reported that in taking rock from the quarry near the Cliff House, rocks from the blast destroyed the shed. It was unanimously agreed by the Board that lumber be paid for by the Park Board to repair the shed. Cost of lumber $73.01.

Re. Commercial Wave Power Co.

On motion of Com. Greenebaum, seconded by Com. Lindley and carried, the Secretary was instructed to notify the Fidelity and Deposit Company that the demonstrating plant of the Commercial Wave Power Company on the Beach must be removed at once.

If this is not complied with the Park Commissioners will proceed to collect the amount of the bond according to law.

Adjourned.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary.

San Francisco, July 29th, 1913.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Tuesday, July 29th, 1913 at 3:30 P.M.,

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum.

Absent: Com. Curtis H. Lindley.

Minutes approved.

On motion of Com. Greenebaum, duly seconded and carried, the minutes of the previous meeting, a copy of which had been forwarded to each Commissioner, were adopted as the minutes of the meeting held July 10th, 1913.

Re. electric fountain referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from Portola Festival Committee, enclosing blue print and specifications of the proposed electric water fountain surrounding the Dewey Victory Monument in Union Square.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. removal of Wave Power Co.'s demonstrating plant from Ocean Beach.

Communication from the Fidelity and Deposit Company informing the Board of Park Commissioners that a representative of their Company had found that "they seem disposed to let the Park Commissioners follow their own inclinations as to the matter of removing their demonstrating plant from the Ocean Beach".

Supt. McLaren was instructed to proceed to remove the plant forthwith. Upon the removal of the said plant by the Superintendent proceedings will be commenced to collect the amount of the bond.

Re. convenience station for platform men of Geary Street Railway.

Communication from the Board of Public Works, stating that Mr. P.... Cashin, Superintendent of Municipal Railways had recommended to their Board that a convenience

#2

station for the platform men of the Geary Street Municipal Railway be erected at a point adjacent to the 10th Avenue terminus of the road and by "Resolution No. 24819 Second Series, it is recommended that the Honorable Board of Park Commissioners grant the Board of Public Works permission to erect this station in Golden Gate Park at a point near 10th Avenue."

Mr. Cashin appeared before the Board and stated that the Board of Public Works would expend five hundred ($500.) dollars upon the erection of the proposed convenience station.

Mr. Cashin was informed that no creditable building for such purpose could be built for five hundred ($500.) dollars as that would necessitate a frame building and experience has taught the Commission that such buildings to be sanitary should be built of reinforced concrete lined with marble and the estimated cost for such a building would be about ten thousand ($10,000.) dollars.

The Secretary was instructed to notify Reid Bros. to submit drawing, plans and specifications for a convenience station at the desired point and Mr. Cashin was requested to obtain more money if possible to provide a station that would do credit to Golden Gate Park.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from the Ladies Auxillary of the McKinley Square Improvement Association relative to the improvement of the McKinley Square.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

French tapestry donated to Park Museum.

Communication from Mr. E. L. Lowe, #730 Fillmore Street, stating that he has a very fine historical tapestry (French) asking if it would be acceptable as an exhibit in the Museum for a period.

Secretary de Sueca referred the letter to Acting Curator Altman who secured the article for the Museum where it is at present on exhibition.

#3

Re. labels on statues in Park Museum.

Communication from Mr. C. H. Cook, relative to the removal of the labels on the three marble statues standing in the Museum. He desired to know by whose authority the labels were changed from Mrs. Elisha Cook to Mr. M. H. de Young who has no title to them until Mrs. Cook's demise.

This complaint was referred to Acting Curator Altman and he reports as follows: "I called on Mr. de Young who claims rightful ownership to these statues, having paid one thousand ($1000.) dollars apiece for the statues, bought from an estate of which Mrs. Elsiha Cook was one of the executors. Although he desires to be recognized as the owner, he is willing to have the label read "From M. H. de Young, Life use to Mrs. Elisha Cook".

Complaint re. baseball players referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from Mr. Harry Flatley, Manager Oro Fino Baseball Team, complaining of the ungentlemanly conduct of the Elbee Baseball Team in robbing them of a game, recently.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

To thank M.H. de Young for donations to Museum.

Communication from Mr. M. H. de Young, in which he says he is sending a donation for the Memorial Museum in Golden Gate Park consisting of a collection of Buddahs, one of which is three feet high by twenty inches wide enclosed in beautiful lacquered case backed by golden halos, a rare old blue and white china ginger jar and two Chinese bowls.

Secretary instructed to send letter of thanks.

Bond of Supt. McLaren.

The bond of Supt. John McLaren was received and referred to President Metson.

Bond of Miss M.B. Fairman.

The bond of Miss M. B. Fairman, Accountant, was received and referred to Pres. Metson.

#4

Inquiries re. Great Highway and western end of Park improvements referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from Mr. J. J. Getz, Secretary Oceanside Improvement Association, desiring to learn of the plans and cost of contemplated work or improvements that have been set aside for the western end of Golden Gate Park and Ocean Boulevard so that they will be correctly informed when they take up this matter with the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. wells. Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from Mr. Halstead, well-borer, stating that he had just completed a very remarkable well on the fair grounds producing about four hundred (400) gallons of the very best sweet water.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Request to cut grass around police station referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from Hon. D. A. White, Chief of Police, requesting that the grass around the Richmond Police Station be cut whenever necessary by a gardener from Golden Gate Park.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Mayor receives report.

Communication from Assistant Secretary to Mayor Rolph, in which he acknowledges receipt of Annual Financial Report of the Park Commissioners.

Filed.

Re. judgment against J. D. Southwell. Referred to Supt. John McLaren.

Communication from Rauer's Law and Collection Agency, serving notice on the Auditor of the City and County of San Francisco, stating: you will please take notice that Rauer's Law and Collection Company will on the 1st day of August, 1915, file with you an abstract of judgment and affidavit of a certain judgment rendered by the Justices' Court, in their favor as plaintiff against J. D. Southwell, defendant.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Request for loan of palms in Conservatory by P.P.I.E. Co., granted.

Communication from G. A. Denison, Chief of Horticulture, Panama Pacific International Exposition, requesting the loan of the four large Cocos Palms which

#5

now touch the highest point in the Conservatory for the Palace of Horticulture of the Panama Pacific International Exposition which will have a dome one hundred and seventy (170) feet high. Due credit will be given the Board in acknowledging the loan on the labels. The palms to be removed to the Horticulture building at the expense of the Exposition Company and returned to the Golden Gate Park if so desired by the Board of Park Commissioners at the expense of the Panama Pacific International Exposition.

Removal to be under the supervision of Supt. McLaren.

Com. A. B. Spreckels moved the request be granted and that the cocos palms be removed from their present location in the Conservatory building under the direction and supervision of Supt. John McLaren.

Motion seconded by Com. Greenebaum and carried unanimously.

Re. road connecting Presidio Parkway with Presidio. Secretary to thank Hon. Julius Kahn for his efforts in the matter.

Communication from Surgeon R. L. Woodward, U.S.A., enclosing correspondence between himself and Congressman Kahn relative to the proposed road connecting the Presidio Parkway with the Presidio. According to the correspondence with Surgeon General Blue there is no available amount at present in the Bureau to build this road but promises his active support to Congressman Kahn's plan of making an amendment to the deficiency bill in the Senate upon proper data furnished in time.

Surgeon General Blue has been informed that the Park Commission has set aside five thousand ($5000.) dollars for the improvement of the small park at their entrance.

The United States Army engineers estimate the cost of this road at six thousand eight hundred and twelve ($6812.) dollars and an iron fence at three thousand ($3000.) dollars.

In Surgeon Woodward's opinion the building of this road means a great deal to the Marine Hospital, to the City and to the Panama Pacific International Exposition.

#6

To thank Mr. Lawson for rock donated and to solicit more in the future.

Supt. McLaren reported that he desired a vote of thanks of the Board be given to Mr. C. G. Lawson, the owner of a quarry near the Sloat Boulevard for permitting him to use freely of rock from his quarry in repairing the Sloat Boulevard and Great Highway and soliciting a continuance of the same privilege in the future.

Secretary instructed to tender Mr. Lawson a vote of thanks of the Board for his favor in the past, and ask for a continuance of the favor in the future.

Request for cuts of scenes in the Park referred to Supt. McLaren.

Mr. Robbins, the writing pedestrian of the "Bulletin" contemplating a lecture tour throughout the United States illustrating his lectures with stereoptican views, desires the Park Commissioners to donate to him plates of the following views: The Park Lodge; Metson, Stow and Spreckels Lakes; the Chain of Lakes; Huntington Falls; De Laveaga Dell and possibly others.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Re. fire extinguishers in Museum.

A representative of the Rolc Fire Extinguisher Company appeared before the Board and advocated substituting his fire extinguishers for the apparatus now in use in the Park Museum, which he claims is obsolete.

Pres. Metson informed the gentleman that the Board would investigate his proposition.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from Mrs. Jessie L. Fisher, relative to the improvement of the public square on Taraval Street between 23rd and 24th Avenues.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. meeting of Park Superintendents.

Communication from Mr. J. B. Shea, relative to the meeting of Park Superintendents in Denver, Colorado, August 5th, 1913, inviting Supt. John McLaren to attend.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Supt. McLaren reports on matters referred to him at last meeting.

Supt. McLaren reported on matters referred to him at a previous meeting. He recommended the building of a branch road from the Upper to the Lower roads along

#7

the Great Highway between 'L' and Rivera Streets as it will not cost much and be a great convenience to the citizens living in the neighborhood.

He recommended the erection of a flag staff fifty (50') feet high with a flag twelve by twenty four feet (12' X 24') for St. Mary's Square to be hoisted on all holidays and all days when flags are usually hoisted.

His report and recommendations were approved.

Report on water.

Report of the Board of Public Health on the condition of the water was read and ordered filed.

Bulletin of Board of Public Health.

Bulletin of the Board of Public Health for May, 1913 ordered filed.

Report on milk and cream.

Report of analysis of milk and cream received at Childrens Quarters read and ordered filed.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

[illegible]

Secretary of the Park Commission.

San Francisco, July 31st, 1913.

Special meeting.

At a special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at the Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, July 31st, 1913 at 3:30 P.M.

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum,
Com. Curtis H. Lindley,
Supt. John McLaren.

Board considered McKinnon Monument proposition.

President Metson stated that the purpose of the meeting was to take up an application which had been on file on behalf of the McKinnon Memorial Committee that permission be granted to erect a statue representing Rev. Father W. D. McKinnon, at one time Chaplain of the First California Regiment in the Spanish war and later Captain in the United States Army.

Father McKinnon had at Manila, carried a message through a rain of shot and shell from the American Commander to the Spanish forces within their entrenchments. He had later, with the same courage and devotion, served the cause of the United States and had died by reason of sickness incepted while serving the United States in the Spanish war in the Philippines.

The President also stated that objections had been raised as to the artistic character of the statue and thereafter the Board had appointed a Committee of seven artists consisting of sculptors, painters and architects, to view a plaster cast of the monument erected at a selected site near McLeans Bend and advise the Board as to the merits of the statue.

The President reported that of the said Committee four of them had reported.

The Committee comprised the following well known gentlemen, to wit:

#2

G. . Kelham, J. Galen Howard, Edgar A. Mathews, Edgar Walters, Arthur Putnam, F. Van Sloan, G. Cadenasso.

Secty. de Succa informed the Board that he had endeavored to notify Lieut. T. Philip O'Brien but learned that he was in Santa Cruz. Colonel T.F. O'Neil and Architect Shea were notified of the meeting.

Pres. Metson then read the opinion of Edgar A. Mathews, which was as follows:

July 2, 1913.

Mr. William H. Metson,
President Park Commission,
Balboa Building, CITY.

My dear Mr. Metson:

Why not permit the public to share in the approval or disapproval of the Father McKinnon monument as in Paris (allow the plaster cast to remain in a conspicuous position for at least six months?)

Personally, I feel that this course advocated and pursued in Boston to be a good precedent to establish here in San Francisco. Only buildings of a necessary character, such as police stations, refectories, convenient stations, etc., are permitted in Parks. If public art buildings and museums and a lot of monuments are littered about in an indiscriminate manner the future generations will gradually be robbed of their pleasure grounds, and the deprivation will be greater when sculpture of a doubtful nature is continually poured into our public parks. I know it is a delicate matter to deny the Father McKinnon statue a place in Golden Gate Park, particularly when it is not much worse than the McKinley monument at entrance of the Panhandle; however, if the latter is bad it is not sufficient reason for admitting the former.

Finally I do not think any more monuments should be placed anywhere in public squares or parks until we produce some really great artists on sculptors.

I trust you will pardon my last view, being only a personal and possibly an extreme idea.

Yours very truly,

(signed) Edgar A. Mathews.

#3

Pres. Metson also read the following communication received from Geo. W. Kelham:

July 14, 1913.

Mr. W. H. Metson,
President, Board of Park Commissioners,
Balboa Building, San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 20th in which you ask me to give my opinion regarding the proposed statue of Father McKinnon, and whether it should be permitted to be placed in the Park.

Absence from the City has prevented my replying earlier.

I have not been able to consult with any of the men whom you appointed on the Committee but have twice driven out to see the plaster model which you have erected.

It is my opinion that the work as at present designed is not of sufficient merit, to be placed in the Park as a permanent piece of sculpture.

It seems to me that any statues which are permitted in Golden Gate Park should be of a very high order of merit, and I frankly feel that this falls short of such a standard in many respects.

Hoping that this opinion may be of some value to you in reaching a decision, I am

Yours very truly,

(signed) George W. Kelham.

Mr. Arthur Putnam, sculptor, reported orally "That the Father McKinnon statue was a very bad piece of work and unworthy of being erected in Golden Gate Park".

Geo. Cadenasso, artist, reported orally "That the Father McKinnon monument was out of drawing and bad artistically and not worthy of erection in Golden Gate Park".

#4

Two of the other three artists who did not report were unable to spare the time to inspect the statue and the other on account of his wife's demise.

Statue denied.

Com. A. E. Sprockels made a motion "That the request of the Father McKinnon Memorial Committee to have the statue erected in Golden Gate Park be denied." The motion was duly seconded and carried by a unanimous vote of the five members of the Board.

Com. Curtis H. Lindley offered the following resolution:

> RESOLVED: That the Superintendent of Parks be instructed to investigate and report upon the advisability of setting apart an appropriate area within Golden Gate Park, wherein there may be placed such statuary, monuments and other works of art as may be tendered to and accepted by the Board of Park Commissioners and wherein the Board may order assembled such monuments and statuary as are now installed in said park, which in the judgment of said board should be moved from their present sites.

The resolution was unanimously carried

Matter of portable fence around the Stadium referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication received from J. L. MacSmith Chairman Athletic Committee, Portola Festival Committee, in which he says that in consequence of the entry list of over two hundred competitors and be it necessary to make proper arrangements for the accommodation of the public as well as the contestants and officials of the meet, he would suggest that the Board of Park Commissioners place a galvanized iron portable fence around the field adjoining the cinder path at the Stadium.

Referred to Supt. McLaren for report at the next meeting.

Adjourned.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary.

San Francisco, August 14th, 1913.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, August 14th, at 3:30 P.M.,

Were present: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. Curtis H. Lindley,
Com. M. Earl Cummings.

Absent: Com. Sigmund Greenebaum.

Minutes approved.

The minutes of the regular meeting held July 29th, copies of which were sent to each Commissioner, for approval, were upon motion duly made, seconded and carried adopted as the minutes of the meeting held July 29th, 1913.

Minutes of special meeting approved.

The minutes of the special meeting held July 31st, copies of which were sent to each Commissioner for approval, were on motion duly made, seconded and carried (after correction by Com. Lindley) adopted as the minutes of the special meeting held July 31st, 1913.

Improvements suggested by Committee of Ladies of Oceanside District referred to Supt. McLaren.

A Committee of ladies consisting of Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Sullivan and Mrs. Cushon of the Oceanside District, appeared before the Board and spoke in favor of erecting a convenience station and drinking fountain somewhere between Cyclers' Rest and Murray's on the Great Highway and that danger signs be placed warning bathers on the Ocean Beach of the dangerous places and that more benches be provided near the Band Stand.

Pres. Metson informed the ladies that one convenience station was an acknowledged necessity in every park in this City but that they would cost four hundred thousand

#2

($400,000.) dollars and that the money received by the Park Commission simply maintained the Park in its present high class condition and left little for necessary improvements.

Referred to Supt. McLaren to report on the cost of these proposed improvements.

Re. monument to G. Verdi, Composer, Action postponed until report of Supt. McLaren is submitted.

Mr. Ettore Patrizi, representing the Italian residents of San Francisco, asked for a site for the monument to G. Verdi, in Golden Gate Park, intended to perpetuate the memory of Italy's great composer. The statue, which was paid for by subscriptions collected only from the Italian residents of San Francisco, has been made in Italy and recently shipped from Genoa, and it is said, will arrive in San Francisco in about two weeks.

Com. Lindley inquired from Supt. McLaren if he had selected "The appropriate area within the Park wherein there may be placed such statuary, monuments, and other works of art as may be tendered and accepted by the Board of Park Commissioners, etc., etc." adopted by an unanimous vote at the previous meeting of the Board.

Supt. McLaren answered that he had not yet decided upon one of the many beautiful locations suitable for such an important purpose.

Com. Spreckels moved that action be deferred until the report of Supt. McLaren had been submitted and approved by the Board of Park Commissioners.

Motion carried.

Request to sell programs of races at Stadium race track.

Committee of members of the California Driving Club appeared before the Board and requested the privilege of selling programs of their races at the Stadium race track.

#3

On motion duly made, seconded and carried action was deferred until the next meeting in order to give the members of the Board time to investigate the request.

No funds to construct a playground at terminal of Municipal Rwy.

Communication from J. W. Rogers, Acting Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, enclosing Resolution J.R. No. 852, which reads as follows:

> RESOLVED: That the Board of Park Commissioners is hereby requested to install, out of its own funds, swings, chutes, and apparatus sufficient to provide for a childrens playground at the Beach terminal of the Municipal Railway, similar to that now maintained at the junction of the Great Highway and Sloat Boulevard; and be it
>
> FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board of Park Commissioners is also requested to provide out of its own Budget, allowance for the immediate construction of a convenience station similar to that now maintained at the junction of the Great Highway and the Sloat Boulevard.
>
> Adopted August 4th, 1913.

Com. Spreckles stated that no provision having been made in the 1913-14 Budget for such an extraordinary expense amounting to fifteen thousand ($15,000.) dollars the Board, owing to a lack of funds would be unable to comply with the spirit of the resolution.

P.P.I.E.Co. thanks Board of Park Commissioners for cocos palms.

Communication from Geo. A. Dennison, Chief of Horticulture, Panama Pacific International Exposition Company, expressing his thanks for the four cocos palms to be loaned from the Golden Gate Park Conservatory to the Horicultural Building of the Panama Pacific International Exposition.

Referred to Pres. Metson.

Offer of deer declined.

Communication from the Fish and Game Commission offering to sell eleven (11) deer.

Secretary instructed to inform Mr. Hunter that we are not in the market for deer at present, owing to a

#4

lack of funds.

Re. loan of Lobos Square to P.P.I.E. Co.

Communication from J. M. Cummings, Asst. Secretary Panama Pacific International Exposition Company, relative to resolutions regarding the grant of Lobos Square to the Exposition Company during the continuance of the Fair only.

Read and ordered filed.

Re. convenience station at the terminal of the Municipal Rwy.

Communication from Secretary of the Board of Public Works, F. J. Churchill, relative to the construction of a convenience station at the 10th Avenue terminal of the Municipal Railway, stating that the information given him that the building of the ten thousand ($10,000.) dollar convenience station had been referred to Reid Bros., who were asked to submit plans and specifications, would be brought to the attention of the members of the Board of Public Works.

Reid Bros. to draw up plans and specifications for 10th Ave. convenience station.

Communication from Reid Bros. accepting the order of the Park Commissioners to submit plans and specifications for a convenience station at the 10th Avenue terminal of the Municipal Railway.

Ordered filed.

Complaint re. entrance of Log Cabin by outsiders referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from Miss Katheryn L. Cole, member of the Daughters of the California Pioneers, complaining of the entrance to the Log Cabin by the boys of the Lowell High School and leaving the Cabin in a deplorable condition.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. plans and specifications of sewer across the Park, referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from the Secretary of the Board of Public Works, stating that the plans and specifications of the proposed sewer across Golden Gate Park from 30th Avenue and Lincoln Way to 26th Avenue and Fulton Street cannot be furnished until the alignment of the sewer is decided upon by the Park Commission.

#5

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Request for permission to place private canoe on Stow Lake, denied.

Communication from Mr. S.J. Clark asking for permission to place his private canoe on Stow Lake for his personal use during the winter months.

Permission denied.

Check for empty cement sacks received.

Communication from the Standard Portland Cement Company relative to a credit memorandum for one hundred and twenty eight 30/100 ($128.30) dollars for return of empty cement sacks.

Read and filed.

Re. bond of Commercial Wave Power Company. Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from the Fidelity and Deposit Company relative to the bond of the Commercial Wave Power Company and asking if the Company had removed their plant from the Beach.

Referred to Supt.McLaren.

Re. painting of flag pole on Telegraph Hill referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from Bolander & Hallawell, relative to painting the flag pole on Telegraph Hill, stating that the pole has a history and should therefore be well taken care of.

Secretary instructed to write for history and their request that the pole be painted was referred to Supt. McLaren.

Cross road at 19th Ave. not for funerals.

Communication from the Acting Clerk, Board of Supervisors, with enclosure from the Teamsters' Joint Executive Council #7, relative to a cross road through the Park at 19th Avenue.

Secretary instructed to notify them that there is at present a cross road at 19th Avenue open to all, <u>except funerals</u>.

To thank C.G. Larsen for offer of rock. Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from C. G. Larsen inviting Supt. McLaren to take all the rock he wants from his quarry, free of charge. Mr. Larsen calls the attention of the Board to the Park along Lincoln Way, it being

#6

much in need of improvement.

Secretary instructed to tender the thanks of the Board and referred to matter of improving Lincoln Way to Supt. McLaren.

Proposition to build run way across the Park.

Communication from Mr. Henry Colombat, relative to the building of an open run way for cars across and below the level of, the Park.

Secretary instructed to notify Mr. Colombat that the Board of Park Commissioners will act upon the proposition whenever it is presented by persons who will finance the proposition, for at present the Park is on a maintenance basis only and such constructive measures are simply out of the question.

Matter of Chinese Garden referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from Atty. G. D. Boalt asking for the people whom he represents, a concession similar to the Japanese Tea Garden. This concession to be Chinese in character and to be located near the Music Stand.

Referred to Supt. McLaren who will take up the subject with Attorney Boalt.

To purchase bird skins for Museum.

Communication from Prof. W. G. Blunt, Curator of the Natural History Department of the Park Museum, acting for Dr. Carl, states that he has a selection of one hundred and ten (110) bird skins from the Philippine Islands.

Prof. Blunt was instructed to purchase the skins at fifty ($.50) cents each.

Re. construction of board walk along Beach.

Communication from Mr. Felton Taylor, Secretary of the San Francisco Convention League, suggesting a board walk along the Ocean Beach to start near the Cliff House and extend to the Sloat Boulevard.

Secretary was instructed to send the League a copy of Supt. McLaren's report on this subject.

#7

Invitation to attend Arboricultural Convention referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from Mr. Jacob Albrecht, Chairman of the Program Committee of the Arboricultural Association extending an invitation to the Park Superintendent to attend their seventh Convention to be held at Pasadena, Sept. 5th and 6th, 1913.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Offer to exhibit historical tapestry withdrawn.

Communication from E. L. Lowe, withdrawing their offer to exhibit the historical tapestry offered to the Park Museum as the estate is not yet settled.

Read and ordered filed.

Report of Supt. McLaren.

The report of Supt. McLaren for the month of July, 1913 was read and recommendations approved and ordered carried out.

Report of Supt. La Rue.

The report of Superintendent of the Childrens Quarters for the month of July, 1913 showing a gain of sixteen hundred and thirty four and 84/100 ($1634.84) dollars.

A copy of the report was ordered sent to each Commissioner.

Report of Curator.

Report of Curator Barron for July read and ordered filed.

Frank Cornyn appointed Acting Superintendent.

It was moved, seconded and carried that during the absence of Supt. John McLaren, on his vacation, Mr. Frank Cornyn be and is hereby appointed Acting Superintendent.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary.

San Francisco, August 27th, 1913.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners at their office Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Wednesday, August 27th, at 4 P.M.,

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. M. Earl Cummings.

Absent were: Com. Sigmund Greenebaum,
Com. Curtis H. Lindley.

Minutes approved.

The minutes of the regular meeting held August 14th, 1913, copies of which were sent to each Commissioner for approval, were, on motion of Com. Cummings, seconded by Com. Spreckels and carried, adopted as the minutes of the meeting held August 14th, 1913.

Gen. Vallejo's carriage to be loaned to the N.S.G.W. for parade on Admission Day.

Communication from Lulu Vallejo Emparan addressed to Mr. Geo. Barron, Curator of the Memorial Museum, informing him that she gladly consents to the loan of her father's carriage to be used in the Parade of the Native Sons of the Golden West in Oakland, Sept. 9th.

Request for information referred to Secretary.

Communication from the Civil Service League of Oakland, California, stating that they were about to re-organize the Park Commission of the City of Oakland and request data relative to the organization of the San Francisco Park Commission and a general outline of the organization of the departments.

Referred to Secretary.

Request for information referred to Secretary.

Communication from the Bureau of City Property Department of Public Works, Philadelphia, Pa., asking for information regarding the subway convenience stations as they had heard they were ideal.

Referred to Secretary.

#2

Resolution of the Board of Supervisors re. erection of band stand referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from the Board of Supervisors calling the attention of the Board of Park Commissioners to Resolution J.R. No. 873 which reads as follows:

> RESOLVED: That the Board of Park Commissioners be respectfully requested to provide for a temporary band stand in the proposed playground area for children at the Ocean Beach terminus of the Geary Street Municipal Railway, so that San Francisco's Municipal Band may give concerts there on Sundays and holidays to be designated by Committee.
>
> Adopted August 25th, 1913.
>
> Referred to Supt. John McLaren.

Check received from Pacific Gas & Electric Company.

A check for forty ($40.) dollars was received from the Pacific Gas & Electric Company being for eight days labor at five ($5.) dollars per day by foreman supervising the laying of gas main along the Great Highway.

Filed.

Check from the City Street Improvement Company.

A check was received from the City Street Improvement Company for labor, team and oil supplied on the Great Highway for fifty two dollars and 37 100.

Park Board to assist in the movement for a Pioneer Mothers' Statue.

Communication from Ella Sterling Mighels addressed to Pres. Metson relative "to setting apart a day for all Pioneer Societies to meet with their friends, the old time residents of California, for the purpose of stimulating interest in the Pioneer Mothers' Statue."

Secretary instructed to notify Mrs. Mighels that the Board of Park Commissioners are willing to assist in every way possible.

Re. fence around Fairmount Park. Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from the Assistant Secretary to the Mayor with enclosure giving advice how to improve the fence around Fairmount Park.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Mayor of Marysville requests pheasants.

Communication from Harry F. Hyde, Mayor of Marysville, California, stating that he had been told that we have pheasants in large numbers and that when they became too plentiful we killed them and therefore he

#3

would like to have some of them for his Aviary.

Secretary instructed to answer that he might obtain some by applying to the Game & Fish Commission but we had none to spare.

Re. cocos palms loaned to P.P.I.E.

Communication from G. A. Dennison, Chief of Horticulture, Panama Pacific International Exposition, stating that he will take up the matter of a contract for the loan of the cocos palms.

Ordered filed.

Application for position referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from S.A. Hagadorn asking that he be given employment in the Park.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. fountains to be donated by Chas. R. Page, et. als., to be placed in the Park.

Communication from Chas. R. Page stating that the model or at least a part of the model of the fountains is now completed and that he would like to have the benefit of the judgment of the Committee originally appointed to locate these fountains.

It was the judgment of the Board that a model of the fountains be placed on the site selected.

Com. Cummings stated that the fountains would follow the lines of the fountain in the Champs Elysees in Paris.

History of flag pole on Telegraph Hill.

Communication from Bolander & Hallawell in answer to a letter from Secty. de Succa requesting the history of the flag staff now on Telegraph Hill:

> "The pole now standing on Telegraph Hill was originally standing at the gore of California, Drumm and Market Streets, same was erected by us on order from Mr. Van Sicklen of Dodge, Sweeney Co., at and during the time of our war with Spain and just previous to the time of our California Troops departing for the Philipping Islands.
>
> "It stood there from that time until shortly after our fire of 1906. It escaped injury from the fire with the exception of a hole about 10" in diameter and three inches deep, 12 feet above the ground which was burned in same. The pole was ordered down by Mr. Van Sicklen and replaced by another one.

#4

"The original length was 106 feet long; after cutting off the burned part it was still 86' long. It was ordered placed on Telegraph Hill by the Outdoor Art League, during the Portola Times, erected in June, 1909.

The most marvelous feature was that it escaped being burned entirely, as all the wood in the same neighborhood was."

Secretary to thank Company for history.

Re. board walk on Ocean Beach.

Communication from the San Francisco Convention League, relative to a board walk on the Ocean Beach in which they promise to furnish exact data, plans and specifications and cost per mile of the board walk to the Park Commission in the near future.

Ordered filed.

Re. mounting of Maine Tablets.

Communication from Secty. Rainey of the Mayor's office with enclosure from the John Williams Bronze Foundry, stating that he was now preparing several designs for mounting the Maine Memorial Tablets that may be executed in marble or wood, offering to supply the designs gratis.

Re. contract of Flinn & Treacy for street work referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from the Board of Public Works, relative to the construction of sidewalks on Buena Vista Avenue from Haight Street to Dutoce Avenue by Flinn & Treacy. Three contract each of four hundred and forty one ($441.) dollars or a total of thirteen hundred and twenty three ($1323.) dollars were submitted.

Pres. Metson remarked that the bid of Flinn & Treacy could not be accepted as final as the Charter required that we advertise for bids to order work done when the amount exceeds five hundred ($500.) dollars.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. payment of bond of Commercial Wave Power Company.

From the Fidelity & Deposit Company assuring the Board of Park Commissioners that when a claim for one hundred and fifty ($150.) dollars on account of the Commercial Wave Power Company's failure to remove their

#5

demonstrating plant from the Ocean Beach was presented the payment of the bond would have their prompt attention.

Secretary instructed to notify the Fidelity & Deposit Company to forward their check.

Request to erect tent on Beach granted.

Communication from Mr. Gil. Rankin asking for permission to place a 4' X 5' tent occasionally on Sundays and holidays on the Ocean Beach north of the foot of 'K' Street for the purpose of enabling his family to change to their bathing suits.

The Board agreed to grant Mr. Rankin a temporary permit subject to revocation at the pleasure of the Board.

Hon. Julius Kahn to have item on Deficiency Bill if possible.

Communication from Hon. Julius Kahn informing the Board of Park Commissioners that he was trying to induce the Department on Military Affairs to get an item relative to the proposed road to the Marine Hospital on the Deficiency Bill. If he fails the matter will not be acted upon until the regular session in December.

Ordered filed.

Request to keep comfort station open referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from the Mission Promotion Association requesting that the Mission Park convenience station be kept open Sunday afternoons until 6 P.M.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Invitation to attend American Road Congress, declined.

Communication from the American Road Congress addressed to Pres. Metson and enclosing a season card to the sessions and exhibits of the American Road Congress, trusting that he will be with them at this Congress.

Secretary instructed to thank the President of the Congress and state that Pres. Metson regrets his inability to attend this session of the Congress.

Report on water.

Report on the condition of the water in the Park received and filed.

#6

Report on ice cream and milk.

Report of the Board of Public Health on milk and ice cream used at the Childrens Quarters received and ordered filed.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary.

San Francisco, September 25th, 1913.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, September 25th, 1913

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum
Com. M. Earl Cummings.

Absent: Com. Curtis H. Lindley.

Minutes approved.

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to each Commissioner for approval, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, declared adopted as the minutes of the meeting held August 27th, 1913.

Construction of proposed amusement pier in Ocean Beach, postponed.

A Committee consisting of Messrs. F. K. Upton, C. B. Lewis and Attorney W.H. Hutton, who acted as spokesman, appeared before the Board. Atty. Hutton stated that on behalf of a number of responsible capitalists, he desired to present a communication in which it is stated "We propose to construct at a cost of about $300,000. a pier with concrete piles, concrete floor and practically fire-proof, about one thousand feet out into the Ocean, the inshore end of which will land about opposite the Geary Street terminal, provided we can get permission from you for an access to said pier from the shore".

The buildings to be erected are for amusement purposes, to wit: dance hall, moving picture shows, a chute, roller coasters, peanut and fruit, ice cream and candy stands and other stands of a similar character, no intoxicating liquors to be sold except with meals; a charge of ten cents will be made to enter on the pier, construction to commence as soon as possible

#2

after the permission is granted.

The Committee submitted what they claimed were incomplete plans. They were told that in the absence of Commissioner Lindley no action would be taken by the board at this meeting and they must be prepared at the next meeting to present complete plans of an artistic and high class improvement in the way of main buildings, pier and other contemplated improvements.

Valuable collection of embroideries presented to Park Museum.

A communication from Attorney Mountford S. Wilson also an agreement between the Park Commission and Mrs. Hilda R. Puttall, addressed to Pres. Watson were received, relative to a collection of embroideries presented to the Park Museum by Mrs. Hilda R. Puttall to be known and exhibited as "Collection of Mrs. Magdalena Puttall presented by Mrs. Hilda R. Puttall". The Secretary was instructed to tender Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Puttall the thanks of the Park Commissioners for their interest in adding such valuable collection to the museum, giving the public who visit the Museum the opportunity of inspecting a very rare and beautiful collection of embroideries made in the old World.

Application for position as Superintendent.

A petition from Battista Passer with application for the position of Superintendent of Parks in the City of San Francisco, received.

The President informed the applicant that John McLaren had been appointed Superintendent February, 1913 for one year and consequently he would have to wait at the expiration of Supt. McLaren's term when his petition would be considered.

Re. completion of golf links.

A petition was received from [illegible] Kaufman addressed to the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors and by them referred to the Board of Park Commissioners in which an appeal is made to set aside a suffi-

#3

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

cient amount to complete a nine hole golf course in Lincoln Park.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Request for use of Stadium ranted I.O.B.B.

A Communication from District Grand Lodge No.4 I.O.B.B., making application for the Stadium on Sunday, October 28th, 1913 to celebrate B'nai B'rith Day, with athletic contests and literary exercises, considered and application granted.

Re. band stand at Geary Street terminal referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication addressed to Com. Curtis H. Lindley by Supervisor J. Emmet Hayden and referred to the Board of Park Commissioners. Supervisor Hayden says that band concerts will be held at the Geary Street terminal at least once per month provided the Park Commission would provide a suitable and permanent band stand.

Pres. Metson advised beautifying the grounds immediately around the Geary Street Railway terminal.

Supt. McLaren stated that the surroundings should be macadamized.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Offer of coon declined.

A communication from Mrs. J. B. Agee, addressed to Mr. Washington Dodge and by him referred to Com. S. Greenebaum, relative to the acceptance of a coon from Mrs. Agee, was read and the Secretary instructed to thank Mrs. Agee for her kind offer but the Park Commissioners do not accept coons.

Check for sale of wool received.

The Secretary reported having received a check from Mr. Jos. Sals for $19.47 for 177 pounds of wool at eleven ($.11) cents per pound, which was deposited by the Secretary to the credit of the Park Fund in the City Treasury.

Re. unveiling of Maine Memorial Tablet.

Communication from Edward Rainey with enclosure from Julius Kahn and one from Edward Rainey, as Secretary to Mayor Rolph to Julius Kahn relative to the time when the Maine Memorial Tablet shall be finally placed on exhibition.

#4

As the Tablet is already on exhibition in the Armour Room, no action was taken and the communication as ordered filed.

Check received in payment of bond of Commercial Wave Power Company from Fidelity & Deposit Company.

Communication from the Fidelity and Deposit Company enclosing check for one hundred and fifty ($150.) dollars in full settlement of the claim of the Board of Park Commissioners made under the bond issued by that Company for the Commercial Wave Power Company on or about the 12th day of August, 1912.

Secretary instructed to thank the Company for their promptness.

Request for more benches for Holly Park granted.

Communication from Mr. [illegible]. Gonzaley, Secretary Holly Park Improvement Club asking that twenty four (24) benches be placed in Holly Park as there are not sufficient benches there at present.

Request granted.

Request to erect dressing tent on beach granted.

Communication from Mrs. G. Keeler Lynch asking permission to place a dressing tent on the Ocean Beach for herself and family.

Request granted.

Request for information referred to Secretary.

Communication from Jessie P. [illegible] of Cincinnatti, asking for information concerning our Parks for the use of the Municipal Budget Exhibit which is to be held in that City during the month of October.

Referred to Secretary.

Letter of thanks.

Card from Mrs. Franklin K. [illegible] thanking the Park Commissioners and expressing her most cordial appreciation for the beautiful flowers sent her.

Filed.

Re. tennis net tightener, referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from [illegible] relative to a tennis net tightener.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

#5

Request that Stadium race track be kept closed on Sunday mornings denied.

Communication from James McGrath, Secretary San Francisco Driving Club, asking that the Stadium race track be kept closed to the public on Sunday mornings, considered. The Commissioners refused to grant the request for the reason that it would be giving the Driving Clubs a monopoly of the track for the whole day.

Application denied.

Re. improvement of tennis courts referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from J. A. Hammersmith, Chairman Athletic Committee of the Portola Festival, stating that in view of the tournament to be held on the Park tennis courts during the Portola celebration, he would urge that the courts be put in the best possible condition, that a portable grand stand be built and that seats for about twenty five hundred (2500) people should be provided.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Request for track granted.

Communication from the California Driving Club making application for the Stadium track on Sept, 14th, 1913. This request was granted by Supt. McLaren.

Letter of thanks from the California Driving Club.

Communication from the California Driving Club, addressed to Supt. McLaren thanking him for having steps constructed in front of the Judge's stand at the Stadium.

Ordered filed.

Re. coin controlled locks.

Communication from C. C. Garrison, relative to coin controlled locks on the doors in all public comfort stations.

Ordered filed.

Bond of Mrs. Annie Hughes.

The bond of Mrs. Annie Hughes an employee of the Park Museum was received and referred to the President.

R. Portola Girls Contest. Filed.

Communication from E. M. Greene, Secretary in charge of the contest of Miss Josephine Welch employed in the Sheriff's office in her endeavor to win the Portola Girls Contest.

Ordered filed.

#6

Re. condition of sewer and rustic benches on Ocean Beach referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from Edward Rainey, relative to a complaint about the condition of some rustic benches in various sections of the Park also relative to a sewer emptying into the public pleasure ground near the end of the Olympic Club pier.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. dangerous turn at South Drive and Lincoln Way referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from J. J. Gits, Secretary of the Oceanside Improvement Club, calling attention to a dangerous turn at the intersection of the South Drive and Lincoln Way at the Great Highway.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Request to use Bernal Park for exercises referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from F. LaRosa, asking permission to again use Bernal Park on October 18th and 19th for the purpose of giving band concerts, to erect a platform and string electric lights on temporary poles around the Park.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. danger signs to be placed on Beach. Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from the Public Welfare Committee with enclosure from W. S. Gardener suggesting the posting of notices of danger spots on the beach as a warning to bathers, also a copy of a resolution which was passed by the Board of Supervisors, and by the Public Welfare Committee referred to the Board of Park Commissioners.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. danger spots Referred. to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from Edward Rainey, Mayor's Secretary, with enclosure from Mr. W. S. Gardener relative to the danger spots on the Ocean Beach.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Request for information referred to Merchants Assn.

Communication from L. L. King, Secretary of Merchants Exchange, in which he proposes to send, at Secty! de Succa's request, to Mr. W. W. Ball, Chief of Bureau of City Property of Philadelphia, a copy of the

Merchants Association Review for July, 1903 containing cuts showing the entrance to the Public Convenience Station at Union Square and a general view of the interior, all of which information they had asked for from the Park Commission, but not having the information the Secretary referred the communication to the Merchants Association who built the station.

Request that boys be allowed to play base ball in Mission Park referred to Supt. McLaren.

A communication from the Acting Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, stating that his Honor the Mayor had presented a petition signed by a large number of the residents in the vicinity of Mission Park in favor of allowing the boys to play base ball in Mission Park. This petition was referred to the Public Welfare Committee who by a unanimous vote directed that the petition be sent to the Park Commissioners with the request that a suitable place be set aside in Mission Park for the playing of baseball by the boys of the neighborhood.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Application for position referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from S. A. Hagadorn, Hollister, California, addressed to Pres. Matson, stating that he had asked for a position as 1 borer in the Park.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Offer of six legged sheep declined.

Communication from Rock Mirande offering to sell a seven months old six legged sheep as a freak of nature.

Secretary instructed to inform the gentleman that a lack of funds would not permit them buying the freak.

Letter of thanks.

Communication from I. J. Aschheim, Grand Secretary of the District Grand Lodge No. 4 I.O.B.B., thanking the Commissioners for the privilege of the Stadium on October 26th, 1913 and after agreeing upon a program promises to send a copy to the Board.

Ordered filed.

#8

Sample time sheets received from Seattle Park Commission.

Communication from Roland Cotterill addressed to Supt. McLaren in which he incloses samples of the form of daily time sheets used in Seattle, which are mailed to his office by the foremen and caretakers in large envelopes, daily.

Secretary instructed to thank Mr. Cotterill and to forward him copies of our time sheets.

Request for use of Stadium, granted.

Communication from Mr. [illegible] D. [illegible]obison, Secretary Pacific Coast French Bulldog Club, asking for the use of the Stadium on Saturday afternoon, October 11th, 1913.

Request granted.

Request for information.

Communication from Caroline L. [illegible] Kelleher of the Portland Library Association requesting data in connection with the Park Band.

Referred to Secretary.

Report on water.

Report of condition of water used in Golden Gate Park received from the Board of Public [illegible].

Read and ordered filed.

Supt. McLaren's report.

Report of Supt. McLaren read and approved and recommendations ordered carried out.

Curator's report.

Curator Barron's report [illegible] filed.

Supt. La [illegible]'s report.

Report of Supt. La [illegible] of Childrens Quarters read and copy ordered sent to [illegible].

Contract for hardware awarded.

A contract was awarded to the Palace Hardware Company for the following articles, [illegible] the lowest bidders on hardware and having complied with all the requirements of the advertisement:

5 dozen	Carter [illegible]	$[illegible].90 doz.
12 "	Carter #2 [illegible]	9.90 doz.
60 kegs	wire nails	2.5[illegible] case

Bids rejected.

The bids for all other supplies advertised for were rejected and the Secretary instructed to re-advertise

#9

for such articles as have not been awarded.

Supt. McLaren authorised to exchange buffalo.

Commissioner Sprechels moved that Supt. McLaren be given authority to exchange two (2) buffalo for any desirable animals that he may be able to secure in exchange with the Director of the Royal Zoological Garden in New South Wales, Australia. Seconded by Com. Cummings and carried.

adjourned.

There being no further business the Board adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary of Park Commissioners

San Francisco, October 16th, 1913.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at the office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, October 16th, 1913,

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
" S. Greenebaum,
" M. Earl Cummings.

Absent: Com. Curtis H. Lindley.

Minutes approved.

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to each Commissioner for approval, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, declared adopted as the minutes of the meeting held September 25th, 1913.

Action on proposed Amusement Pier postponed.

The application of Messrs. Lewis, Upton and Hutton for access to a proposed amusement pier on the Ocean Beach, the entrance to which will land opposite the Geary Street Railway terminal, came up for final action but was again postponed on account of the absence of Com. Curtis H. Lindley from the City on this day.

Pres. Metson informed Attorney Hutton that, as Commissioner Lindley would be in the City Saturday morning, he would probably call a special meeting in his office in the Balboa Building on that day, when the application will be acted upon.

H. W. Hutton replies to protest of Zoeth Eldredge.

Communication from H. W. Hutton in answer to a letter of protest against granting permission to erect an Amusement Pier on the Ocean Beach received from Zoeth Eldredge, Esq., at a previous meeting.

Read and ordered filed.

#2

Complaint re. base ball playing in Duboce Park.

Communication from Acting Clerk of the Board of Supervisors with enclosure from Miss Olivia Kingsland calling attention to injuries received by pedestrians and the constant danger to citizens from baseball players in Duboce Park, also one from the same lady who is Vice-President of the Woman's Political League, addressed to Supt. McLaren, stating the the boys watch the police officer on duty there and when he is around they hide their bats and when he is gone they continue the game.

Secretary instructed to send copies of both letters to the Mayor and Chief of Police, D. A. White, with instructions to Chief White to stop the baseball playing in all City parks and squares.

No funds to build enclosure for base ball playing in Mission Park.

Communication from Herman Wisher, suggesting that an inclosure be provided so that the boys of the Mission District can indulge in the game of bas ball without danger to others.

Communication from Mayor James Rolph, Jr., with enclosure from Herman Wisher relative to baseball playing in Mission Park.

Referred to Secretary who notified Mr. Wisher that there are no funds at present to comply with his request.

Letter of thanks from Fred S. Robbins for set of slides.

Communication from Fred S. Robbins, thanking the Park Commissioners for the set of very beautiful stereoptican slides of scenes in Golden Gate Park. Mr. Robbins also thanks Supt. McLaren to whom he is very grateful for the many courtesies extended to him during his many visits to the Park, "A gentleman to all, no more fitting man could be found for the great and responsible position which he fills so ably."

Letter read and ordered filed.

Letter of thanks from P.P.I. Co., for use of Union Square, Oct. 10th.

Communication from C. J. Moore, President of the Panama Pacific Internatioanl Exposition Company, thanking the Board of Park Commissioners for the use of

#3

Union Square Friday, October 10th, 1913, on the occasion of the destruction of the Gamboa Dyke.

Communication read and ordered filed.

Request for plants for Relief Home referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from Supt. Wollenberg of the Relief Home for the Aged and Infirm asking for some plants as a donation to the Home.

Supt. McLaren instructed to comply with the request as far as lay in his power.

Request for wild animals and plants for Angel Island referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from Asst. Secretary to the Mayor, stating that sometime ago a request was made on the Park Commissioners for wild game to stock Angel Island; also some plants and bulbs for the lighthouse on the Island.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with instructions to comply with the request as far as possible.

Eucalyptus seeds received from Australia.

Communication from Edward Rainey enclosing a packet of seeds of eucalyptus ficifolia received from Hon. J. Scadden, Premier of Western Australia.

Secretary instructed to return the thanks of the members of the Board of Park Commissioners.

To notify of next meeting.

Communication from Asst. Secretary McAtee with enclosure from G.W. Sawyer relative to the opening of Park entrances and requesting the Park Commissioners to fix a date and place to meet for that purpose.

Secretary instructed to notify the said Association and also Mr. Sawyer of the next meeting of the Board.

Request to keep comfort stations open durin the evenings.

Communication from J. W. Rogers, Acting Clerk of tho Board of Supervisors, enclosing letter addressed to the Public Utility Committee, recommending that the public comfort stations in Union Square be kept open during the evening hours.

Supt. McLaren instructed to keep the stations open evenings during Portola week.

#4

Form of agreement re. loan of cocos palms to P.P.I.E.

Communication from G. A. Dennison, Chief of Horticulture of the Panama Pacific International Exposition, enclosing the form which the Legal Department has formulated to cover the loan of the cocos palms in the Golden Gate Park Conservatory to the Panama Pacific International Exposition to be returned to the Conservatory after the closing of the Exposition. This contract will be duly signed when dates of removal and return are supplied to the Exposition Company.

Secretary instructed to obtain the signature of the President of the Exposition Company to the agreement.

Bond of Mrs. Carrie Millmore.

Communication from Herbert L. Schmitz, enclosing a renewal certificate of the bond of Mrs. Carrie Millmore, Manager of the Beach Chalet.

Secretary instructed to send the same to Mayor Rolph.

City Attorney recommends extra provisions to be attached to all bonds of municipal employees.

Communication from Assistant Secretary to the Mayor calling attention of the members of the board to certain provisions that the City and County Attorney, Percy V. Long, has suggested should be attached to all bonds, which reads as follows:

"WHEREAS the above bounden principal has been heretofore duly appointed to the position of _____ by and under the Park Commissioners of the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, and

WHEREAS, the said principal as such _____ is required by the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco, and by a lawful rule and regulation of said Park Commissioners to furnish a good and sufficient bond or undertaking to said Park Commissioners and said City and County of San Francisco, for the faithful performance of ___ duly as such _____ in the sum of _____.

NOW, THEREFORE, if the said _____, as such _____, shall well and faithfully perform all duties that may now or hereafter be lawfully required of ___ by law or ordinance, or by rule or regulation of said Park Commissioners, and that at the end of ___ tenure of such position ___ will surrender to ___ successor all property books, papers and documents that ___ may now have or that may hereafter come into ___ possession as such ____ then this obligation shall be void otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

#5

Matter referred to Pres. Metson.

Request for information re. Boat House concession referred to Secretary.

Communication from Henry T. Vogt, Secretary of the Oakland Board of Park Commissioners asking for information relative to concession for boating privilege rate of hire, rulesof conduct and rate of pay for tree surgery.

Referred to Secretary de Succa.

Request for information re. municipal dance halls referred to Secretary de Succa.

Communication from F. A. Audley, relative to an article in the "Literary Digest" that municipal dance halls were to be started in San Francisco.

Referred to Secretary.

Complaint re. Municipal Band playing at Beach and being compelled to stand during the Concert.

Communication from the Oceanside Improvement Association relative to the Municipal Band giving a concert at the Geary Street terminal and being compelled to stand during the continuance of the Concert.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. removal of tennis courts.

Communication from Frank I. Turner relative to a report which has been circulated that the tennis courts in Alta Plaza were to be removed.

Referred to Secretary with instructions to inform Mr. Turner that no such action is contemplated.

Request to use Log Cabin denied.

Communication from Mrs. G. T. Marsh, Chairman of the Outdoor Art League of the California Club, requesting the privilege of using the Log Cabin for rest and luncheon purposes, October 18th, 1913.

Secretary instructed to inform ladies that the Log Cabin has been engaged for that day.

Permission granted by Fish and Game Commissioners to ship deer to Park.

Communication from Mr. Ernest Schaeffle, enclosing copy of permit issued by the Fish and Game Commissionors granting Mrs. Cleone Matthews of Oroville permission to ship one young deer to Golden GatePark.

Ordered filed.

Water discovered near tennis courts. Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from A.L. Hunt, addressed to Supt. McLaren stating that he has found water at a depth of sixty feet in several places in the Park east

#6

of the lawn tennis courts. He found what he considers a deep strong current and he says it would be reasonable to suppose that the whole Park grounds are resting upon a body of water. He desires Supt. McLaren to select the most suitable points and he will try and locate good strata at that point.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Request to distribute programs referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from Secretary of the San Francisco Sub-League of the A.A.L., requesting the privilege of distributing programs of the field and track meet at the Stadium, on October 18th, 1913.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

No funds available to complete the golf course in Lincoln Park.

Communication from William Kaufman who says that on October 3rd, 1913 he and Mr. M. Liebmann appeared before the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors and asked for an appropriation to complete the Lincoln Park golf course.

They were told no funds were available at this time, that the work had been started by the Park Commissioners and that they could further the work if they saw fit to do so.

Secretary instructed to notify Mr. Kaufman that there were no funds available at present to complete the said work.

Request that building for bathers be built, denied.

Communication from Geo. Robinson requesting, for the young men who go bathing at the Ingleside Beach, that a building be erected for a dressing room provided with lockers.

Secretary instructed to reply that owing to a lack of funds the building could not be provided at this time.

Improvements suggested in Fairmount Park referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from Mrs. W. Kennett of the Glen Park Outdoor Art League relative to suggested improvements to be made in Fairmount Park.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

#7

Re. opening of gateway to Park at Arguello Boulevard.

Communication from the Park Richmond Improvement Club desiring to learn when work will be commenced on the Arguello Boulevard Gateway into the Park.

Secretary instructed to inform the Club that the money for this work had not yet been placed in the Park Fund.

Invitation to visit Philadelphia Park Commission, filed.

Communication from John T. Morris extending an invitation to the members of the Park Commission to visit the PhiladelphiaPark Commissioners should they ever go East.

Ordered filed.

Request for tennis court in Franklin Square referred to Supt. McLaren.

Petition from residents of the District between 16th and 20th Streets and Harrison Street and Potrero Avenue requesting that a space in Franklin Park be fitted up as a tennis court.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Mounting of Maino Memorial Tablet referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from Secretary to Mayor Rolph enclosing letter addressed to his Honor relative to mounting the Maine Memorial Tablet.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Report on milk, cream and water.

Report of the Board of Public Health on the condition of milk, cream and water ordered filed.

Report of Supt. McLaren.

Report of Supt. McLaren read and approved and recommendations ordered carried out.

Report of Supt. La Rue.

Report of Supt. La Rue for the month of September, 1913, showing a gain of $1160.24 read and copy ordered sent to each Commissioner.

bids received.

The following bids were received in answer to the advertisement to furnish supplies for the year ending October 16th, 1914.

FORAGE.

Scott, Magner & Miller: Bid on 150 tons of third crop river alfalfa at $14.75 per ton; 10 tons wheat at $31.75

#8

per ton; 75 tons of rolled barley at $28.80 per ton; 100 tons rolled oats at $31.25 per ton; 7 tons bran at $26.90 per ton; 100 bales of straw at $14.50 per ton.

E. Aigeltinger & Co.: Bid on 150 tons of alfalfa at $15.50 per ton; 100 bales straw at $.95 per bale; 10 tons wheat at $1.84 per hundred pounds.

Smith-Riddell Co.: Bid on 150 tons third crops river alfalfa at $15.32 per ton.

Producers Hay Company: Re-submit bid rejected at meeting held September 25th, 1913. No action taken.

LEAD AND OIL.

National Paint & Oil Company: Bid on 350 gallons boiled linseed oil at $.53½ per gallon.

Yates & Company: Bid on 350 gallons pure boiled linseed oil at $.57-4/5 per gallon; 6000 pounds No. 1 white lead in oil (100 lb. basis) at $.069 per pound.

BUTTER AND SUGAR.

Sherry Freitas Company: Bid on 7000 lbs. dry granulated sugar at $.05 per lb.; 1500 lbs. extra creamery butter at $.30 per pound; 4000 pounds cube sugar at $.05½ per lb.

Contracts awarded.

The following bids were awarded:

Scott, Magner & Miller: were awarded the contract for 150 tons third crop river alfalfa at $14.75 per ton; 10 tons wheat at $31.75 per ton; 75 tons rolled barley at $28.80 per ton; 100 tons rolled oats at $31.25 per ton; seven (7) tons bran at $26.90 per ton.

E. Aigeltinger & Co.: were awarded the contract for 100 bales of straw at $.95 per bale.

#9

National Paint & Oil Co.: were awarded the contract for 350 gallons boiled linseed oil, in barrels, at $53½ per gallon.

Sherry Freitas Company: were awarded the contract for 1500 pounds of extra creamery butter at $.30 per pound.

All other bids submitted were rejected.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary of Park Commission.

2

San Francisco, October 18th, 1913.

Special meeting.

At a special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, held at the office of Pres. W. H. Metson, Balboa Building, Saturday, October 18th, at 10:30 A.M.,

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
" M. Earl Cummings,
" Curtis H. Lindley,
" Sigmund Greenebaum.

Purpose of meeting.

President Metson stated that the purpose of the meeting was to consider the application of Messrs. Lewis, Upton and others for an entrance from the Great Highway to an Amusement Pier built one thousand (1000) feet out into the Ocean, the entrance to be situated about opposite the Geary Street Railway terminal.

Re. application for entrance to Amusement Pier.

Attorney H. W. Hutton, representing the applicants, said the Company had the consent of the United States Government if he could obtain the consent of the Park Commissioners. The purpose of the Company had been discussed at length at two previous meetings of the Board when considerable opposition to the application was expressed by the members of the Park Commission.

Objections to Amusement Pier.

Com. Curtis H. Lindley called Mr. Hutton's attention to Section 6 Article XIV of the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco, which declares that the Park Commission may not permit any person, Company, or Corporation to build or maintain any structure on any part of the grounds under their jurisdiction, but they may themselves build and lease f r a period not greater than one year, reserving the right to at all times enter upon said premises and make the condition that the building shall be used for Park pleasure purposes only.

Com. Lindley expressed his objections to the appli-

#2

cation for the following reasons:

1. Golden Gate Park is the best asset the City possesses. It is maintained through the contribution of the people. Its power of attracting the people ought not to be capitalized for the benefit of any private money making enterprise, utilizing the popular attendance as an opportunity for private gain.

2. All amusements to be furnished to the people within the jurisdiction of the Park Commission, or by using privileges within its control, should be under municipal direction, the same as the childrens playground.

3. A public spirited administration of the Parks and Squares will see to it that no concessions of any kind are granted whereby the public gathering at these attractive centers-made so by the money of the people- may be exploited for the benefit of private individuals.

4. The spirit of the charter inhibits the granting of any special privilege of this character.

5. The letter of the Charter inhibits the transfer to private individuals of park privileges, except of a temporary nature, and such privileges where granted are required to be under the control of the Commission.

Application withdrawn. The views above expressed were adopted as the unanimous voice of the Commissioners. Before a vote could be taken, Atty. H. W. Hutton withdrew the application.

Secretary of Park Commission.

San Francisco, October 30th, 1913.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, October 30th, 1913,

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. A. B. Sprockels,
Com. M. Earl Cummings.

Absent were: Com. Curtis H. Lindley,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum.

Minutes approved.

The minutes of the regular meeting held October 16th, and of the special meeting held October 18th, copies of which were sent to each Commissioner, were upon motion of Com. A. B. Sprockels, seconded by Com. M. Earl Cummings, adopted.

Invitation to attend laying of cornerstone of New City Hall.

Communication from Assistant Secretary to Mayor Rolph, inviting the members of the Board of Park Commissioners to attend the ceremonies of the laying of the cornerstone of the New City Hall, Saturday, October 25th, 1913 at the northeast corner of the building near Polk and McAllister Streets.

Copies of this invitation were sent to each Commissioner October 22nd, 1913.

Proposed ordinance re. appointment of municipal employes.

From John W. Rogers, Acting Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, enclosing copy of proposed ordinance entitled "Forbidding the appointment of municipal employes, except as provided by the Charter", proposed by Supervisor Andrew J. Gallagher, October 14th, 1913. The members of the Park Commission are invited to make suggestions in writing or person, relative to the matter. If they prefer to appear in person the Acting Clerk will give the members of the Park Commission notice when the subject matter comes up for consideration by the Judiciary Committee of the Board of Supervisors.

Referred to Pres. Metson.

#2

Re. lighting of City parks and squares.

From John W. Rogers, Acting Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, notifying the members of the Park Commission that the Lighting and Rates Committee of the Board of Supervisors have under consideration a Resolution relative to the better lighting of the smaller parks and squares of the City, and stating that the next meeting of this Committee would be held November 4th, at 4 P.M., and inviting a representative of the Park Board to be present.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. condemned fire horses.

From Frank T. Kennedy, Secretary of the Board of Fire Commissioners, stating that it would be impossible for the Fire Department to receive back two horses formerly condemned by the Fire Commissioners and given to the Park Board. It would confuse their records by necessitating the re-condemnation of the said horses as they are useless for service in the Fire Department.

Secretary instructed to notify the members of the Board of Fire Commissioners and others "Whom it may Concern" that old "Riley" and all other horses received from the Fire Department will be treated kindly and with the greatest consideration.

Request for information referred to Secretary.

From Frank P. Schumacher, Secretary Board of Park Commissioners, Milwaukee, relative to wages paid officers and employes.

Referred to Secretary.

Endorse Amusement Pier project.

From Secretary of the Sutro Heights Improvement Club approving of the proposal of private capitalists to build a great Amusement Pier on the Ocean Beach.

Ordered filed.

Playground in Panhandle suggested.

From Mr. Bernard P. Lapacnet suggesting that a playground be installed at some point in the Panhandle between Baker and Stanyan Streets.

Suggestion not approved.

#3

Complaint re. Mt. Lake Park referred to Supt. McLaren.

From Secretary of the Board of Public Works, with enclosure from Mr. H. A. Redfield addressed to Supervisor O. A. Murdock and referred to the Park Commissioners for investigation. Mr. Redfield complains that debris consisting of old iron, papers and tin cans are being deposited in Mountain Lake Park.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. statuary in Marshall Square.

From Assistant Secretary of Mayor Rolph, with enclosure from Mr. John Cox, calling attention to the unclean appearance of the statuary in Marshall Square.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Police to stop ball playing in City Parks.

From Chief of Police, D. A. White, stating that the communications received from the Park Commissioners forbidding the playing of baseball in any of the City Parks and Squares "would be given proper attention".

Request to take and sell photos of Park, denied.

From W. C. Nolan asking permission for Joseph Zair to take photographs of the Park Grounds and then sell them.

Request denied.

Request for photos referred to Supt. McLaren.

From Prof. J.C.T. Upton, requesting eight (8) photos of views in the Park.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

From Mr. J. P. Fox, Manager of Exhibits, American City Bureau, requesting ten (10) views of the Park System, and at least one map of Golden Gate Park.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Curator's report.

Report of Curator Barron, of the Park Museum, for September, 1913.

Read and ordered filed.

#4

Health Bulletin.

The Bulletin of the Board of Public Health for June and July, 1913 received.

Ordered filed.

Report onmilk and cream.

Board of Public Health submitted report on the examinations of samples of milk and cream used at the Childrens Quarters.

Ordered filed.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary to the Park Commission.

San Francisco, November 13th, 1913.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, held at their office Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, November 13th, 1913,

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. A. B. Sprecheels,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Com. Curtis H. Lindley.

Absent: Com. Sigmund Greenebaum.

Minutes adopted.

The minutes of the regular meeting held October 30th, 1913, copies of which were sent to each Commissioner, were, upon motion of Com. Sprecheels, seconded by Com. Lindley, adopted as the minutes of the meeting held October 30th, 1913.

Re. suspension of Mr. John Ryan.

Communication from Mayor James Rolph, Jr., recommending the suspension of Mr. John Ryan, a Park employe, pending an investigation of his political activity in favor of the election of Col. James E. Power to the office of Supervisor. By direction of Pres. Metson, Supt. McLaren suspended Mr. Ryan.

The President's action was approved by the members of the Board who had been made acquainted with the facts of the case by receiving copies of Mayor Rolph's letter.

Request for Club House, denied.

Petition from the residents in the neighborhood of Balboa Park for a Club House with bath conveniences in Balboa Park.

Request denied on account of lack of funds.

Club endorses Amusement Pier.

Communication from the Exposition Valley Improvement Club stating that after full discussion of the proposition to build an Amusement Pier at the Ocean Beach, on a vote of the members, it was decided that the building of such a Pier would be beneficial to

San Francisco as a

whole and therefore the Club endorses the project".

Communication ordered filed.

Endorses proposed Amusement Pier.

Communication from the Richmond Central Improvement Club. The following resolution was passed by the Club: "RESOLVED: That this Club endorses the project of a proposed Amusement Pier to be constructed on the Ocean Beach."

Communication ordered filed.

Cuts of Park views loaned to "Overland Monthly".

Receipt from Frederick Harriott, representing the "Overland Monthly" for fourteen cuts of views in the Park, for use in the publication of a special edition of that magazine, given him by instructions of Pres. Metson and Supt. John McLaren.

This loan was approved by the Board.

Contracts and bonds referred to Pres. Metson.

Contracts and bonds received from the Palace Hardware Company, the National Paint and Oil Company, and Scott, Magher & Miller and referred to Pres. Metson.

Rare plants received from Prof. L. S. Sargent.

Communication addressed to Supt. McLaren by Prof. L. S. Sargent of the Arnold Arboretum, Harvard University, stating that he was sending by Wells Fargo Express a shipment of plants many of them from China, and quite new to cultivation in the United States. Prof. Sargent suggests that they be distributed among prominent plant lovers, his idea being to have them generally cultivated in California.

The Board instructed the Superintendent to send some of the plants to C. C. Moore, Commissioners Lindley, Sprecklels and Matson, Judge Henshaw and others and to send the thanks of the Commissioners to Prof. Sargent.

No dest for use of Stadium track referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from A. Ottinger, stating that the San Francisco Driving Club were to start racing Sunday November 2nd, 1912, but owing to the rain they could not hold the races on that day. They now desire the privilege of the Stadium Track until the weather

#3

clears or until after Thanksgiving Day.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Cross made from filings of the Liberty Bell offered for sale.

Communication from G. V. Heberton, offering for sale a cross made from the filings of the Liberty Bell, in Philadelphia in 1844.

Secretary instructed to notify Mr. Heberton that owing to a lack of funds we would be unable to purchase the cross.

Re. Washington Monument.

From Harry Lewis Raul, requesting permission to submit designs for the statue of the first President of the United States to be placed upon the Washington Monument.

Communication ordered filed.

Re. destruction of drinking fountains.

Communication from Chief of Police, D. A. White, informing the Park Commissioners that the officers in the vicinity of Bernal Square will see that the drinking fountains are not destroyed in the future.

Communication ordered filed.

Complaint re. sewerage of Seal Rock House referred to City Attorney and Board of Public Health.

Communication from [illegible] Park Federation of Improvement Clubs, [illegible] Crocker, Secretary, complaining of the nuisance of the sewerage of the Seal Rock House, existing contrary to law. Secretary instructed to notify the City Attorney of the matter and to request him to take some action to abate the nuisance. Secretary to call the attention of the Board of Public Health to the matter.

Paintings belonging to the Thomas Hill Estate to be sold.

Communication from [illegible], announcing the sale by Auctioneer H. Taylor [illegible] of all paintings belonging to the estate of Thomas Hill, deceased, including four paintings loaned to the Golden Gate Park Museum, viz: "The Last Spike" "The Grand Canyon of the Colorado" "The Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone" and "The Muir Glacier".

#4 .

Owing to the lack of funds the Board cannot consider their purchase and the communication was ordered filed.

To thank De Graff Bros. for donation of tulips.

Communication addressed to Supt. McLaren from De Graff Bros., Ltd. Leiden, Holland, stating that they are sending a collection of tulips, gratis, for trial in Golden Gate Park.

The thanks of the members of the Board were ordered sent to De Graff Bros.

Report of Supt. cLaren.

The report of Supt. McLaren was read. The Superintendent reported that $6000. had been transferred to the Park Fund for the purpose of opening a drive from the junction of Arguello Boulevard and Fulton Street , to connect with the North Ridge Road and recommended that this improvement be started in the near future.

Report adopted and all recommendations ordered carried out.

Request for tree referred to Supt. McLar n.

Communication from Miss Maude Lissak requesting a Christmas tree for Lafayette Kindergartin, 36th Avenue and Geary Streets. Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Supt. La Rue's report.

Report of Supt. La Ruo read and copies ordered sent to Commissioners.

Curator's report.

Report of Curator Barron read and ordered filed.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary of Park Commission.

San Francisco, November 28th, 1913.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Friday, November 28th, 1913,

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. A.B. Spreckels,
Com. Curtis H. Lindley,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum.

Absent: Com. M. Earl Cummings.

Minutes adopted.

The minutes of the regular meeting held November 13th, 1913, copies of which were sent to each Commissioner, were, upon motion of Com. A. B. Spreckels, seconded by Com. Curtis H. Lindley, adopted as the minutes of the meeting held November 13th, 1913.

Re. granite entrances to Old City Hall being removed. Referred to Supt. McLaren and Com. Cummings.

Communication from J. W. Rogers, with enclosure from Walter Castegnetto, relative to the use of the granite "Sentinals of the Past" consisting of the granite entrance to the Old City Hall on McAllister Street and also the granite bases that once formed the entrance to the Old City Hall on City Hall Avenue opposite Marshall Square. The drawings submitted represent the McAllister Street entrance when in its newposition, on the west side of the Great Highway op osite the Geary Street terminal and the other granite bases on the north side of the Park at or near the Geary Street Railway terminal.

The questions of acceptance, cost of removal and settin of material, forming the entrances, up in their new locations, were referred to Com. Cummings and Supt. John McLaren who were instructed to report at the next meetin of the Board.

Check for cement sacks returned.

Communication from the Standard Portland Cement Corporation enclosing check for $46.05 for empty sacks.

Ordered filed.

#2

Oiling of Presidio Parkway referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from the Richmond Federation of Improvement Clubs requesting that the Parkway from Lake to Fulton Streets be oiled.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Request for canopy over Haight Street entrance to Park.

Communication from Golden Gate Federation of Improvement Clubs relative to the erection of a canopy over the Haight Street entrance to the Park and requesting the same be given consideration by the Park Commissioners.

Secretary instructed to notify the Federation to submit plans and specifications to the Park Commission.

Request for playground in Jefferson Sq. denied.

Communication from Mrs. Bert Schlesinger, President of the Juvenile Protection Association, requesting the establishment of a recreation center in that District bounded by Turk, Gough, Golden Gate Avenue and Laguna Streets, otherwise known as the "Hayes Valley District" by turning the lower half of Jefferson Square into a playground.

Secretary instructed to inform Mrs. Schlesinger that owing to the present status of the Square caused by the claims of the Fire Department, and the present grade of the Square, it is impossible for the Park Commissioners to grant her request.

Relative to use of Gen. Vallejo's carriage.

Communication from Mrs. Luisa Vallejo Emparan certifying that her "wishes were satisfactorily carried out on September 9th, 1913 in reference to the carriage of my father, General Vallejo; I also confirm my telegraphic message permitting Mrs. Cutter to use the carriage on Portola Day".

Communication ordered filed.

Re. condition of sewers on Ocean Beach.

From City Attorney, Percy V. Long, in which he says he had communicated with Mr. Mitchell, the owner of the Seal Rock House, relative to the condition of the

#3

sewers and states that if this matter cannot be amicably arranged and the nuisance abated by him, the necessary steps will be taken to have the cause for complaint abated according to law.

Secretary instructed to inform the City Attorney that Mr. Mitchell of the M & M House is also responsible for the existance of the nuisance.

Amusement Pier endorsed by Clubs.

Communication from the Oceanside Women's Educational Club, the San Francisco Real Estate Board and the Oceanside Improvement Club announcing that they have passed resolutions in favor of the Amusement Pier on the Ocean Beach.

Secretary instructed to sent to all the Clubs that have endorsed this project, a copy of the opinion of the Board on the proposition of the Amusement Pier, as contained in a resolution offered by Com. Lindley and adopted by the Board of Park Commissioners so that the public may be advised as to the reasons of their stand on the request made by the Amusement Pier Company.

Letter of thanks from San Francisco Fly Casters Club.

Communication from the San Francisco Fly Casters Club stating that the Secretary had been instructed to extend to the Board of Park Commissioners the sincere thanks of the entire membership for the many courtesies and acts of kindness extended to the Club during the many years past.

The sincere thanks of all the members of this Club is also extended to Supt. John McLaren for the great kindness extended to every individual member of the Club.

Communication ordered filed.

Proceedings of the Park Board to be published in the Municipal Record.

Communication from Sylvester J. McAtee, Asst. Secretary to the Mayor, stating that the Oceanside Improvement Association had written to the Mayor requesting that the business transacted at the regular meetings of the

#4

Secretary instructed to comply with the request by forwarding a synopsis of the meetings to the Municipal Record for publication.

Relative to base ball playing in Mission Park.

Communication addressed to Supt. John McLaren from J.W. Rogers, Acting Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, stating that he has been directed by the Public Welfare Committee to say "That they feel that the game of baseball should be encouraged and they would respectfully request that the Board of Park Commissioners have sufficient space fenced off so that the boys can play baseball in Mission Park without injury to women and children, who could be kept out of danger by a fence as suggested in your letter".

Referred to Supt. McLaren to report at the next meeting as to the probable cost of a suitable fence and Secretary instructed to learn the wishes of Father D.O. Crowley on the question of turning Mission Park into a baseball field.

Request for sanitary drinking fountain referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from the [illegible] of Civic Center Improvement Club, requesting that a sanitary drinking fountain be placed in Columbia Square.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. erection of Academy of Science building in Golden Gate Park.

A committee representing the California Academy of Science appeared before the Board and submitted final plans for the construction of the new California Academy of Science building in Golden Gate Park to be situated near the Francis Scott Key Monument. The plans were approved by the votes of Commissioners Greenebaum, Lindley, Spreckels and Pres. [illegible].

The work of construction will be commenced as soon as possible.

The Board of Park Commissioners referred the matter to Supt. McLaren with their instructions that all material used in the construction of the building under the Park at Eighth Avenue and Fulton St., that a suitable

#5

fence be constructed around the proposed building and that all material used for or in the construction of the said building shall be deposited within the said enclosure. Supt. McLaren may impose any other conditions on the contractors that he may deem necessary to protect the interests of the Park Commission.

Re. connection of Clement & Post Sts.

Communication from C. S. Minifie, enclosing two open letters to Mr. Sidney M. Van Wyck, Jr., regarding the connection of Clement and Post Streets.

Communication ordered filed.

Special report of Supt. McLaren.

Special report of Supt. McLaren read and recommendations adopted.

Report on milk and cream.

Report of Health Officer W. H. Kellogg on milk and cream furnished at the Childrens Quarters read and ordered filed.

Health Bulletin.

The Health Bulletin for the month of August, 1913 was received and ordered filed.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary of Park Commission.

San Francisco, December 11th, 1913.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, December 11th, at 3:30 P.M.

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Absent: Com. Curtis H. Lindley.

Minutes adopted.

The minutes of the previous meeting held November 28th, 1913, a copy of which was sent to each Commissioner (subject to correction) was upon motion of Com. Greenebaum, seconded by Com. Spreckels, adopted as the minutes of the meeting held November 28th, 1913.

Memorial Arch referred to Com. Cummings.

Communication from Mr. E. J. Vogel, submitting a design for a Memorial Arch to be presented by Mrs. Paul Breon who desires to have it erected in the Park at some future time not yet decided upon, the design being in the "Doric Style". Letter of thanks ordered sent to Mrs. Breon and Mr. Vogel. Matter referred to Com. Cummings.

Granite pilings of Old City Hall rejected.

Mr. Walter Castagnetto, who at a previous meeting had submitted a design showing the use that would be made of the pilings forming the entrance to the Old City Hall on McAllister Street by placing them on the westerly side of the Great Highway opposite the terminal of the Geary Street Railway, appeared before the Board to hear the report of Com. M. Earl Cummings and Mr. McLaren who had been appointed at the previous meeting to report upon the probable cost of the removal of the pilings to the new location. They estimated the probable cost at $500.00.

#2

Com. M. Earl Cummings did not approve of their acceptance and upon his motion seconded by Com. Greenebaum, the palings were rejected by unanimous vote.

Re. protest against more playgrounds in Hamilton Sq.

Communication from the West of Fillmore Street Improvement Association protesting against any more of Hamilton Square being placed under the jurisdiction of the Playground Commission than they now have.

Secretary instructed to inform the Club that the Park Commission had transferred to the Playground Commission a portion of the Square and that the Playground Commission had transferred a portion to the Board of Education for the temporary Girls High School building which is about to be removed.

Report from Lincoln Park Board.

Communication from G. [illegible]. Crowley, Secretary of the Lincoln Park Commission, Chicago, Illinois, stating that they are forwarding their report for 1911-12.

Communication ordered filed.

Resolution of Park Commission re. Amusement Pier to be sent to Clubs interested in this project.

Communication from J. [illegible]. [illegible], Secretary of the Golden Gate Valley Improvement Association and stating that they had been petitioned by the Amusement Pier Company for a hearing with reference to their project, and asking information as to the status of this matter as considered by the Board of Park Commissioners.

Secretary instructed to [illegible] resolution of Park Commission adopted October 1[illegible], 19[illegible] relative to the Amusement Pier to all Clubs who have in the past or who may in the future) taken action in this question.

Request re. construction of 48th Avenue sewer Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from [illegible] requesting permission to bring the construction of the 48th Avenue sewer across the Park. Many other requests were contained in the communication all of which were referred to Supt. John McLaren, with full power to act.

73

Matter of automobile license referred to Secretary.

Communication from the State Department of Engineering Motor Vehicle Division, stating that under Section 24 Chapter 326 it is required that licenses must be issued to all operators and chauffeurs. Secretary instructed to learn if the charge of $30. for a 60 h.p. automobile applies to an automobile owned by the City of San Francisco and used in the public service such as in the case of Supt. McLaren's automobile.

Matter of junk of Motor Power Co. referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from Frank J. Fantan requesting the privilege of removing from the Ocean Beach iron left by the Commercial Wave Power Company for junk.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Matter of hydrants and electric pole referred to Supt. McLaren.

From D. A. White, Chief of Police, stating that Officer Dolan reports that there are two salt water hydrants on the east side of the Great Highway between [illegible] and C Streets which are set out into the street six feet from the curb line, also an electric pole set out about the same distance. Both are very dangerous and an accident is liable to occur to an automobile at any time, unless they are moved back.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Application for position filed.

Communication from Jules Riousse, Landscape Architect Specialist, Mexico, asking if there is any opening for his services in Golden Gate Park.

Communication ordered filed.

Toledo blade offered for sale referred to Curator Barron.

Communication addressed to Mon. [illegible] H. Metsin by J. [illegible] Schroeder, relative to the sale of a "Toledo" blade to the Park Commission. This blade is one of the very few of its kind in the world. The price asked is $750.00

Matter referred to Curator Barron.

Letter of thanks for photos.

From J. [illegible] Uphof, University of Arizona, thanking the Park Commission for the beautiful photos of the

#4

different parts of Golden Gate Park voted to him at a previous meeting.

Letter ordered filed.

Re. re-modeling of Donahue Fountain.

From Frank J. Churchill, Secretary Board of Public Works, regarding the remodeling of the Donahue Fountain as suggested by the Outdoor Art League in a communication addressed to the Park Commissioners, which was ordered forwarded to the Board of Public Works. Mr. Churchill states that the Board of Supervisors have made available the sum of $2500. to remodel the fountain and therefore he has forwarded the letter from the Art League to the Board of Supervisors.

The Secretary was requested to advise Mr. Churchill that the Park Commissioners suggested that a draft of the proposed changes be submitted to Supt. Cummings prior to the changes being made for Mr. Cummings's advice.

Re. contract bet. P.P.I.E. Co. and Park Commission.

Letter from the Panama Pacific International Exposition Co. requesting the Secretary to attest contract between the Exposition Company and the Park Commission which had already been signed by Pres. [illegible]. Contract after being attested will be executed in duplicate by the Exposition Company and the [illegible] Pres. [illegible].

Secretary informed the Board [illegible] attested to the contract and returned [illegible] Exposition Company. Action of Secretary approved.

Re. "American City" magazine referred to Supt. McLaren.

From the "American City" [illegible] monthly review of Municipal Improvements [illegible] published in New York City [illegible] Park Superintendents, soliciting a [illegible].

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. benches for Holly Park.

Letter from [illegible] Park [illegible] Club, stating that the benches [illegible] received.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. tennis courts in Mission Park referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from [illegible], Secretary of the Playground Commission [illegible] from J.P. [illegible], Secretary [illegible].

that the lines on both courts be re-painted and that a small ditch be made around the south-east corner of the upper court so that the water from the hill may be diverted from off the said courts.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. comparative appropriations allowed Chicago parks with that allowed San Francisco parks.

Copy of communication sent Pres. Metson by Supt. John McLaren enclosing a report of the appropriations allowed for the construction and maintenance of the Park System of Chicago as compared to that of this City:

West Park, Chicago: Appropriation $1,553,065.81; Acreage 1029 acres; Amount received per acre $1,519.00;

Lincoln Park, Chicago: Appropriation $759,976.48; Acreage 416 acres; Amount received per acre $2,205.00;

South Park, Chicago: Appropriation $2,501,157.91; Acreage 2429 acres; Amount received per acre $1,029.00;

Golden Gate Park, San Francisco: Appropriation $750,046.97 Acreage 1013 acres and 887 acres in small parks and squares; Amount received per acre $158.00.

Request to hold dedication exercises granted.

Communication from Miss Katherine L. Cole, requesting for the Pioneer Women of California permission to dedicate the cannon which has been placed in front of their Log Cabin in Golden Gate Park on February 22nd, 1914.

Application granted.

Club endorses Amusement Pier project.

Communication from E. P. Figel, Secretary of Jackson Park Improvement Club stating that the Club had voted unanimously in favor of giving the Amusement Pier Company a permit to erect the pier on the Ocean Beach.

Secretary instructed to send copy of resolution of Park Board adopted October 18th, 1913 on this subject.

#6

Portrail of Edwin Forrest donated to the Park Museum.

From Mr. J. C. McAfee addressed to Commissioner A. B. Spreckels in which Mr. McAfee states that some years ago Mr. Joseph Austin gave his brother C.W. McAfee a portrait of Edwin Forrest, the actor, painted by Jeffries when Forrest was forty years of age. His brother's widow, Mrs. E.C. McAfee desires to present the portrait to the Park Museum and at the suggestion of Com. Spreckels Mrs. McAfee notified Curator Barron who secured the portrait.

Secretary instructed to tender Mrs. E. C. McAfee the sincere thanks of the members of the Board of Park Commissioners.

Re. baseball field in Mission Park.

[illegible] the opinion of Father Crowley [illegible] in a large portion of Mission Park [illegible] as a baseball field [illegible] reported that in the opinion of [illegible] "it would be a mistake, and very [illegible] Mission Park, [illegible] would oppose it."

Report received and filed.

To thank Raphael Weill for bust of Reuben H. Lloyd.

The bust of former Park [illegible] H. Lloyd having been [illegible] of Lloyd Lake, the Secretary [illegible] to Raphael Weill the thanks [illegible] Park Commission for the [illegible] of a [illegible] citizen and [illegible]

To sell lot on California [illegible] and [illegible] Place.

Communication [illegible] addressed to [illegible] California [illegible]

#7

them from giving a long lease or selling the same.

The Secretary was instructed to notify the Board of Supervisors that the Park Commissioners desire that they sell the said lot to the best advantage to San Francisco.

Resolution re. account in Anglo California Trust Company.

The following resolution was unanimously passed:

"Resolution of the Board of Park Commissioners, City and County of San Francisco passed at a meeting of the said Commissioners duly and regularly held on the eleventh day of December, 1913 at the office of the Board:

RESOLVED: That the Anglo California Trust Company, doing business in the City and County of San Francisco, be and it is hereby selected as the banking house in which the funds of this Board shall be deposited, and all moneys and other valuables of this Board so deposited shall be subject to withdrawal by checks, or other orders, or receipts of this Board signed by either its President or its Acting President and countersigned by either its Secretary or its Acting Secretary and the said officers or agents of this Board are hereby authorized and empowered to sign such checks, or other orders, or receipts, and the said Anglo California Trust Company is hereby authorized and empowered to honor the same when so executed, until such time as it received advice in writing to the contrary.

FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution, certified by the Secretary of this Board, under its corporate seal, be deposited with the said Anglo California Trust Company, with the signatures of the aforesaid officers or agents of this Board."

I, James de Succa, Secretary of the Board of Park Commissioners, City and County of San Francisco, a corporation, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the resolution passed by the Board at a meeting duly and regularly held at the office of said Board on the eleventh day of December, 1913.

#8

Supt. McLaren's report.

Report of Supt. McLaren for the month of November, 1913 was read and recommendations adopted.

Supt. La Rue's report.

Report of Assistant Superintendent La Rue of the Childrens Playground, was read and copy ordered sent to each Commissioner.

Curator's report.

Report of Curator Warren read and filed.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the Chair.

Secretary Park Commission.

San Francisco, December 29th, 1915.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Monday, December 29th, 1915 at 3:30 P.M.

Were present: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. A. V. Spreckels,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Com. S. Greenebaum.

Absent: Com. Curtis H. Lindley.

Minutes approved.

The minutes of the previous meeting held December 11th, 1915, a copy of which was sent to each Commissioner (subject to correction) were, upon motion of Com. Spreckels, seconded by Com. Cummings, adopted as the minutes of the meeting held December 11th, 1915.

Automobiles owned by City are not exempt from State motor vehicle tax.

Communication from W. R. Ormsby, Superintendent of the Motor Vehicle Department of the State Department of Engineering, advising that by that under the opinion of Attorney General Webb, rendered December 20th, 1915, motor vehicles owned by municipalities are not exempt from the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act, the only exceptions being fire engines, patrol apparatus, police patrol wagons, municipal or county ambulances, road rollers, street sprinklers and traction engines.

Communication ordered filed.

Protest re. motor vehicle tax.

Communication in the form of a protest, addressed to State Treasurer F.D. Roberts, which reads as follows: "The undersigned hereby pays you $....., under the provision of Motor Vehicle Act of the State of California, May 31st, 1915. The said amount is paid involuntarily and under protest for the following reasons". There follows three reasons the principal one being that the Act is unconstitutional.

#2

Secretary instructed to defer payment until the next meeting when some action will be taken.

Letter of thanks sent Mrs. Paul Breon.

A copy of the letter of thanks sent to Mrs. Paul Breon, by order of the Board and addressed to Mr. E. J. Vogel, the President, for her intended gift to the [illegible] Park [illegible] Arch was read and ordered filed.

Re. Breon-Vogel case.

[illegible] Mrs. Paul Breon, in which [illegible] a suit against [illegible] place and specific [illegible] ing the [illegible] in order [illegible] the correspondence [illegible]

Letter ordered filed.

Re. Memorial Arch.

[illegible] him [illegible] intention of Mrs. Paul [illegible] Park [illegible]

[illegible] possibility of the [illegible] The question [illegible] Mr. Vogel [illegible] tion of Memorial Arch [illegible]

Secretary subpoened to appear in Court.

[illegible] to produce the [illegible] Vogel [illegible] This [illegible] was [illegible]

also the original letter which was received by the Board of Park Commissioners from Mr. Vogel, which was marked Exhibit A, and retained by order of the Court.

Dedication exercises for Verdi Monument to be held.

Pres. W. H. Metson reported that the Verdi Monument Committee desired to dedicate the Verdi Monument on Sunday, March 22nd, 1914 at 12 o'clock noon. The Committee will be assisted by the Chicago Opera Company, Madame Tetrazzini, their Orchestra and a chorus of five hundred voices.

Upon motion of Com. Spreckels, seconded by Com. Sigmund Greenebaum, the permission requested was granted unanimously by the Board.

Complaint re. eight hour law referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from Labor Commissioner John P. McLaughlin, stating that it had been reported to him that female employees were obliged to work in violation of the eight hour law in Golden Gate Park.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Protest re. Hamilton Square playground.

Communication from John W. Rogers, Asst. Clerk, Board of Supervisors, enclosing communication from the Fillmore Street Improvement Assn., protesting against turning over Hamilton Square entirely to the Playground Commission for use as a public childrens playground.

Secretary instructed to send a copy of the protest to the Playground Commission and notify that Board that the Park Commissioners urgently request that they take immediate steps to have the present school building removed from the Square.

Letter favoring the transfer of Hamilton Square.

Communication from the Divisadero District Improvement Assn., addressed to Rev. D. O. Crowley, President of the Playground Commission and sent to the Park Commission, enclosing a petition favoring the placing of the whole Hamilton Square under the jurisdiction of

the Playground Commission, with the understanding that a portion of the grounds be retained as a park, also complaining that the square is not well kept and that it appears that the whole of the square is needed as a playground.

Copy of letter ordered sent to Playground Commission.

Re. Hamilton Sq. playground.

Communication from the Divisadero District Improvement Assn., stating that the objections urged by the Fillmore Street Improvement Assn. against the transfer of Hamilton Square entirely to the Playground Commission "was based upon [illegible] the true nature of the proposal."

Copy of letter ordered sent to Playground Commission.

Endorse Amusement Pier.

Communication from the [illegible] Asbury District Improvement Assn. [illegible] Amusement Pier [illegible].

A copy of [illegible] subject, adopted by the Board [illegible] to the Association.

Offer [illegible] water lillies accepted.

Communication [illegible] water lillies to the Park [illegible].

[illegible]

An lo-California Trust Company to honor checks signed by Pres. Watson and Sectr. de Sacca.

Communication [illegible] stating that in consequence [illegible] tary's [illegible] Park Commissioners [illegible] de Sacca [illegible] was unable to collect [illegible] cent [illegible]

[illegible]

Money for construction of convenience stations not yet placed to credit of Park Fund.

Communication from Mr. Fred Head requesting information as to whether or not anything had yet been done towards the construction of the convenience stations in Hamilton Square or Alamo Square.

Secretary instructed to notify Mr. Head that the sum of $15,000. for the construction of these convenience stations has not yet been placed to the credit of the Park Fund.

Inventory to be filed with Board of Supervisors.

Communication from J. S. Dunnigan, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors giving notice that resolution J.F. #1032 required that an inventory of all City property be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors on or before December 31st of each year.

Secretary reported that the matter was being attended to.

To submit specifications for canopy over Haight Street entrance to Park.

Communication from R. T. Crocker, Secretary of the Golden Gate Park Federation of Improvement Clubs, stating that they would soon submit specifications, etc., for the canopy which they desire placed over the Haight Street entrance to the Park.

Communication ordered filed.

Matter of historical tapestry referred to Curator Barron.

Communication from T. L. Love, offering for sale an historical hand worked tapestry, viz: "The Abdication of Mary Queen of Scots."

Referred to Curator Barron.

Request for information referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from [illegible] Hart, Colonel U.S.A., in charge, requesting information relative to the management of the Park. Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Suggestion re. Park animals, filed.

Communication from Mr. Marion Thrasher, suggesting that all the Park animals be placed in one enclosure [illegible] admission fee to cover the expenses and thereby derive a large revenue.

Communication ordered filed.

To send bill for damages done to Union Square.

Supt. McLaren submitted a bill for damages amounting to $1207.[illegible] for restoring Union Square following the [illegible] done the Square during the Portola Festival. The payment of the damages was agreed upon by the Engineer of the Festival, Otto F. Schiller and Supt. John McLaren.

Secretary instructed [illegible] forward bill to the Portola Festival Committee.

Contributions solicited by L.S. Sargent for expedition to Japan.

Communication from L.S. Sargent, Harvard University addressed to Supt. McLaren in which he states he is pleased to learn that the [illegible] reached San Francisco in good condition [illegible] is interested in them.

He solicits [illegible] expenses [illegible] [illegible]

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Information re. wages paid Park laborers in Chicago.

Telegram received from [illegible], Secretary of the Lincoln Park Commission, Chicago, [illegible] Supt. McLaren, stating that the laborers receive a dollar and a half to two dollars [illegible] half [illegible] eight hours. Telegram filed.

Vote of thanks.

[illegible] Buffalo [illegible] Sprechels's expense, he was [illegible] for his generosity in saving [illegible] 2[illegible].00.

Report on water.

Report of the [illegible] [illegible] of the water [illegible] filed.

Adjourned.

There being no further [illegible] before the Board, the meeting adjourned [illegible] President.

[illegible]

Secretary [illegible] Park Commission.

San Francisco, January 15th, 1914.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, January 15th, 1914

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. Curtis H. Lindley,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum,
Com. M. Earl Cummings.

Minutes approved.

The minutes of the previous meeting held December 29th, 1913, a copy of which was sent to each Commissioner subject to correction, were, upon motion of Com. Spreckels, seconded by Com. Greenebaum, adopted as the minutes of the meeting held December 29th, 1913.

Auditor Boyle and Supervisor Power visit Board.

The Board was favored by a visit from Supervisor Power and Auditor Boyle, who took a deep interest in the large amount of business disposed of and complimented Pres. Metson on the expeditiousness of his disposition of the same.

M. Earl Cummings re-appointed.

The certificate of re-appointment for a term of four years as Park Commissioner of Hon. M. Earl Cummings by his Honor Mayor James Rolph, Jr., was presented and on motion duly made, seconded and carried, the credentials were ordered engrossed upon the minutes of this meeting.

Re. budget allowance for construction of convenience stations.

Two representatives of the Haight & Ashbury District Improvement Club appeared before the board and urged that as the budget allowance of $15,000.00 for the construction of convenience stations in Alamo and Hamilton Square was now available, the construction of a convenience station be commenced on the west side of

#2

Steiner Street between Geary and Post Streets, at once".

The speaker was informed that the $15,000.00 has not yet been placed to the credit of the Park Fund. As he insisted that the money was at present available, the matter was referred to Supt. McLaren with whom he is to confer for the purpose of having the money placed in the Park Fund, as soon as possible.

Re. sanitary drinking cups.

The representative of a Company selling penny sanitary drinking cups, appeared before the board advocating the introduction of the cup in the Park. He proposed to lease machines to be distributed throughout the Park and from which he said the Commission would derive a considerable revenue.

He was advised to put his proposition before the board in the form of a communication.

Re. motor vehicle license.

The payment of the State motor license for the Superintendent's automobile amounting to thirty ($30.) dollars was laid over until the next meeting of the Board.

Application for position referred to Curator.

Communication from Alfred Shelton seeking a position in the Natural History Department of the Park Museum was referred to Curator Barron.

Portrait by Keith accepted for Park Museum.

Communication from Scott Aldredge, stating that among the effects of the late Joseph Greenhut was a portrait of Alfred Robinson by Keith, now in the possession of Mrs. Mary Curtis Richardson, the artist, and he had advised giving it to the Park Museum, would be giving it to the people, and he requests that the Park Commission make a request on Mrs. Richardson to donate the picture to the Park Museum.

Referred to Curator Barron. On motion of Com. A.B. Spreckels, duly seconded and carried, a vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Richardson and Mr. Aldredge and the Secretary instructed to inform them of the action of the Board.

#3

Complaint re. boys killing birds in Mt. Lake Park.

Communication from Matthew McCurrie, Secretary San Francisco Society Prevention Cruelty to Animals, stating that on numerous occasions he has received complaints that small boys with firearms were killing birds and catching water fowl with baited hooks in Mt. Lake Park. He recommended that groups of small boys be kept out of the Park or their acts regulated while therein.

Secretary instructed to send copy ofthe letter to Chief of Police and Commandant at the Presidio.

Application for position referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from Henry E. Plumridge, St. Louis, Mo., seeking a position as tree expert with two years experience in practical field work.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Request for swings in Buena Vista Park referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from the Haight and Ashbury District Improvement Club suggesting that the Board install a few swings in Buena Vista Park across the street from the Sisters' Orphanage for the use of the children in the neighborhood and those at the orphanage.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Request for grass plot by Fire Dept. referred to Supt. John McLaren.

Communication from the Board of Fire Commissioners requesting that a grass plot be planted on the lot on Jones Street occupied by the High Pressure Water System tank of the Fire Department as the same will improve the looks of the site.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Land slide at Home Park caused by change of the grade by Board of Public Works.

Communication from the Board of Public Works informin this Board that a high embankment on the Home Park proper has fallen on the abutting sidewalk, requesting that the Superintendent of Parks investigate and take such action as is necessary to prevent further material being deposited on the sidewalk.

Supt. McLaren reported that the Street Department of

#4

the Board of ublic Works changed the grade of the street and undermined the wall which caused the land to slide and under the circumstances the Board thought the Board of Public Works should repair the damage.

Referred to Supt. McLaren to report at next meeting.

Suggestions re. Ocean Beach.

Communication from Mr. H.J. Wilson, with suggestions for the improvement of the Ocean Beach.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Park to receive collection of Australian birds and animals.

Communication from A. S. Lang, Director Royal Zoological Gardens, Sydney, Australia, stating that he was glad the American bison were bein sent to him and that in return, when the weather becomes warmer, he will send a collection of Australian animals and birds such as kangaroos, emus, black swan, parrots, and bleadin near doves.

Communication ordered fil l.

Re. plans for re-modelling of the Donahue Fountain.

Communication from City Engineer M. . O'Shaughnessy, statin that the plans for the Donahue Fountain were being revised in his office and when completed he would send a copy to the Board of P rk Commissioners.

Pres. Metson informed a gentleman present that no plans would be approved for the re-modellin of the Fountain until all interested persons had been given an opportunity to be heard for or against the proposed changes, it having been reported that the Fountain would be changed so that it might be used as a watering trough for horses.

Sprig duck accepted.

Communication fro Mr. Ralph Gardiner offering to donate a sprig duck to the Park . put in Stow Lake.

Supt. McLaren reported that he had accepted the offer.

Secretary instructed to thank Mr. Gardiner.

#5

Com. A.B. Spreckels tendered vote of thanks for free transportation of ferns.

Communication from Mr. P. Duffy stating that he had sent the ferns on the S.S. Sonoma and had written to Mr. Samuel, Manager of Spreckels Bros. Company to notify Secretary de Succa that they are there and asked him to get in touch with the Department of Horticulture at the Ferry to arrange for inspection.

Supt. McLaren reported that the ferns had arrived in first class condition and were at present at the Nursery.

Com. A. B. Spreckels was tendered a vote of thanks by the Board for the free transportation of the ferns to this City.

Transfer of Hamilton Square to Playground Commission endorsed.

Communication from Chester Williamson, Secretary Divisadero District Improvement Club, with enclosure from the Civic League of Improvement Clubs, relative to a resolution passed by that Association favoring the placing of the whole of Hamilton Square under the jurisdiction of the Playground Commission.

Secretary instructed to inform the League that the Board will take no action in the matter until the temporary school building is removed from the Square.

Favors more recreation grounds in Hamilton Square.

Communication from Mrs. Regina Davis, Secretary Emerson School Mother's Club, favoring the removal of the temporary school building in Hamilton Square to make room for additional recreation grounds.

Secretary instructed to inform the Club that the Board will take no action until this building is removed.

Favors transfer of Hamilton Square to Playground Commission.

Communication from the California Federation of Women's Clubs favoring the transfer of the whole of Hamilton Square to the Playground Commission.

Secretary instructed to inform the Federation that the Board will take no action in the matter until the temporary school building is removed from the Square.

Offer of old portraits referred to Curator.

Communication from R. W. Woolsey, 1575-11th Avenue, offering two old portraits of his grand-parents painted in New York, in 1830.

Referred to Curator Barron.

Request to use marble columns in Battleship Grove denied.

Communication from the Outdoor Art League, California Club, stating that in 1908 they were given permission to plant sixteen trees in Golden Gate Park to commemorate the visit to this Coast of the Atlantic fleet of sixteen battleships. Therefore they urge the Park Commissioners to use the many beautiful columns of California marble sent to the World's Fair at Chicago, and which were returned to this Coast and used in the Mining Bureau at the Midwinter Fair to mark in appropriate style the Battleship Grove.

The Board of Park Commissioners do not approve of installing a number of artificial columns within the confines of the Park preferring to have the Park retain its natural appearance.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried the request was denied.

Request for entrance to Overlook Drive referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from the Pacific Improvement Club requesting the Board of Park Commissioners, by resolution adopted by the said Club to make provisions for an entrance to the Overlook Drive from the Great Highway at a point opposite the terminal of Harvard Street.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. tree planting referred to Board of Supervisors.

Communication from the American City Bureau relative to city tree planting, referred to Board of Supervisors.

Re. Compensation Law.

Communication from Constant [illegible], relative to the Workmen's Compensation Law of the State of California now being considered by the City Attorney.

Ordered filed.

#7

Request for use of grounds referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from the California Bloomer Girls Club, requesting a written permit to use a section of the little recreation grounds on Sunday afternoons.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Request for information referred to Secretary.

Communication from Jay Downer, Secretary Bronx Parkway Commission, New York, requesting information on many subjects, referred to Secretary for answer.

Request for information referred to Secretary.

Request for information on many subjects from the Denver Park Commission referred to Secretary.

Request for information referred to Supt. McLaren.

Request for information relative to quarries, etc., from the Director of the Bureau of Mines, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C., referred to Supt. McLaren.

Insurance policies.

Communication from Rudolph Herold, Jr., enclosing insurance policies covering a collection of Keith paintings belonging to Mrs. Mary McHenry Keith in the Park Museum, for one year:

Policy	No. 12810	$5,000.	Premium	$37.50
"	No.10177433	8,000.	"	60.00
"	No. 138224	8,000.	"	60.00
"	No. 558279	7,750.	"	58.10
		$28.750.		$215.60

On motion duly made, seconded and carried the policies were accepted and premiums ordered paid.

Telephone to be installed in home of Secty. de Succa

The following resolution was adopted unanimously

RESOLVED: That the Board of Supervisors are hereby requested to place a free telephone in the residence of James de Succa, Secretary Board of Park Commissioners, 3407-26th St.

Ro. Sweeney Panorama.

Supt. McLaren was asked the cost of re-constructing the Sweeney Panorama building on Strawberry Hill, and he stated $15,000. He was requested to estimate the cost of removing the ruins of the Observatory and report at the next meeting.

#8

Next meeting.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the next meeting of the board be called for 2 o'clock P.M. to enable the members to inspect the location selected by Supt. McLaren for the placing of all statuary, monuments, etc., as requested by the board.

To advertise for automobile.

The Secretary was instructed to advertise for a new automobile for use of the Superintendent of Parks.

Report of Supt. McLaren.

The report of Supt. McLaren was read and recommendations approved. Relative to the storm on the Ocean Beach, the Superintendent reported as follows: "The recent storms have caused considerable damage both along the sewer ditches and at the Beach. The damage done along the sewer ditches has all been repaired including the washout across the south drive at 41st avenue, but the damage done by the heavy seas at the Beach chalet is still being fought by placing heavy timbers and trees at each end of the piling. Should another heavy storm follow, the whole wall of concrete piles is likely to go down. I would suggest that your honorable board consult some engineers who have had experience in constructing heavy sea walls and bulkheads and secure an opinion as to best and most economical plan to save the beach from erosion by wave action."

Pres. Watson stated that he had obtained the promises of eminent engineers who are to suggest plans for the protection of the Great Highway from the high tide wave action caused by storms similar to the one now causing so much damage to the beach.

Curator's report.

Curator Barron's report received and filed.

Supt. La Rue's report.

Report of Supt. La Rue received. Copies ordered sent each Commissioner.

Report on milk.

Report of board of public health on milk and cream read and ordered filed.

#9

Certificate of re-appointment.

THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

To All to whom these presents shall come, GREETING:

Reposing special confidence in the fidelity and ability of

M. EARL CUMMINGS

I do, by these presents, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco, appoint him a

PARK COMMISSIONER

in and for the City and County of San Francisco, he to hold said office for the term of four years from and after the eighth day of January, 1914, vice himself, term expired.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name and have caused the seal of my office to be affixed hereto, this eighth day of January, 1914.

(signed) JAMES ROLPH, Jr.
Mayor.

Attest:
EDWARD RAINEY,
Secretary.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the Chair.

Secretary to Park Commissioners.

San Francisco, January 25th, 1914.

Special meeting.

At a special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, January 25th, 1914,

Present were: Pres. [illegible] Metson,

Com. A. [illegible] Reckels,

Com. [illegible] Earl Cummings,

Com. Si[illegible] Greenebaum,

Com. Curtis [illegible] Lindley.

Approval of minutes postponed.

The approval of the minutes of the previous meeting were postponed until the next meeting of the Board.

Delegation from Haight & Ashbury Improvement Club.

Mr. Metson: Do you gentlemen desire to address the Board?

A Citizen: I came out [illegible] complaint, but to call your attention to the condition of Stanyan Street between Oak and Fell, and Cole Street between Oak and Fell streets. [illegible] there are always temporary. [illegible] this matter thoroughly [illegible] to you gentlemen that if you [illegible] pave these streets with [illegible] with paving brick. That would [illegible] keep up those thoroughfares. [illegible] forward, to the north [illegible] them up pretty badly. [illegible] done on those streets in the [illegible] enough, very near, to pave the [illegible] keep these streets in [illegible] especially this curve right here, which was [illegible] collection [illegible] as near as I can remember, [illegible] Look at it to day. [illegible]

#2

That is what we came up here before you to day. I know you will be guided by the money you have to spend, but I wish you would make some arrangement to have the streets fixed.

Mr. Letson: The main reason is money, and the second reason is that people who go out through the Panhandle still stay with horses and object to anything being put on those streets other than rock and macadam. They drive over other streets, elsewhere, without any complaint, but they complain to us about those streets.

A Citizen: We are having the very same thing on other streets, and we are objecting to their putting in basalt blocks. The teamsters do not object to Warrenite pavement if it is properly put down. All I have to ask of you gentlemen is that you take this under consideration

Mr. Letson: We have always told other people that have advocated some patent pavement, that they could put it down at their own expense. We do not care to advertise any patent pavements. We are very much averse to advertising them. There are other pavements that are probably just as good. There are other pavements that horses will not slip on. What do you think about closing Cole Street altogether and compelling the travel to go on Stanyan Street entirely?

A Citizen: As far as I am personally concerned I would like to see it done. It would not make any difference to me.

Mr. Letson: The trouble about this thing is that the merchants go around among the neighbors contiguous to their places of business and stir up a faction. The trouble is that they want to utilize the park for commercial purposes. The merchants make trouble for the park commissioners, and then afterwards the neighbors make trouble.

#3

A Citizen: There are a good many openings here that ought to be closed. Perhaps you do not know about them. I live here on the Panhandle. I see quite a number of teams, milk wagons especially, that will drive in at one entrance, swing through the park, maybe a block or two, and come out on the other side. There is no occasion for those streets being open. There are plenty of streets open. I think some of them ought to be done away with. There is no reason for it. We have always spoken very highly of the way the park has been managed, especially the Panhandle. We have [illegible] confidence in the way you gentlemen have managed it, and [illegible] to hear the criticisms that have been made [illegible] gentlemen. I regret very much [illegible] I assure you, gentlemen, [illegible] support of our organization [illegible]

Mr. Hetson: We want [illegible] get the citizens of [illegible] commission as a [illegible] and they should not be at all [illegible] While we may not [illegible] they have not [illegible] nevertheless, we always try [illegible] popular demand. [illegible] Club [illegible]

A Citizen: The [illegible] ment Club.

Mr. Hetson: I notice from [illegible] Scheunert states that he is [illegible] ancial condition of the park [illegible] experience here. [illegible] Mr. Scheunert made applic[illegible] House because of the [illegible] there the odor being smelled [illegible]

#4

at once, informingthe city and county attorney of it, and asked him to suppress the nuisance as quickly as possible. The next proposition that Mr. Scheunert had up on behalf of the improvement clubs was that he wanted to have a canopy entrance at Haight Street. I wrote him to send in plans and specifications for it, and that we would be glad to take the matter up. That was several months ago and we have never heard from him since. It seems that you gentlemen, being interested in club matters, ought to have that matter before you.

A Citizen: I do not know that gentleman. We have nothing to do with him. We do not mix up in political matters. We do not gamble in politics at all. We are here on this matter pure and simple. If that gentleman made any such remark it does not emanate from our association.

Mr. Metson: He was speaking authoritively as the president of the association.

A Citizen: He has no right to speak that way of our Club. He has nothing to do with our Club, as I know of.

Mr. Metson: I just bring that matter to your attention. There is no objection to making a report on this warrenite pavement matter.

A Citizen: All we want is any pavement that will not slip.

Mr. Metson: We will see what we can do with this situation. You will remember that this has been a very wet winter. Conditionsh ve been very bad this winter. You know that we can not spend all our money on that. We have to use money for other things.

Another Citizen: I have been before the [illegible] on this Gale Street proposition. Candidly speaking, [illegible] more [illegible], [illegible] over [illegible] Panhandle [illegible]

[illegible] slip [illegible], [illegible] course, because [illegible] over that crossing. You know that as well as I do. That is according to the law. If you [illegible] right [illegible] this street now, Fell Street, [illegible] that [illegible] paying more taxes on our property, and it is assessed more than any other street along here. I invite [illegible] gentlemen in the room [illegible] It you see it you can judge for yourself. [illegible] automobiles and teams [illegible] right across here, [illegible] this slush up on the pavement. I [illegible] Cole Street. A great [illegible], and when the street [illegible] country road for [illegible]. I [illegible] gentlemen but I cannot [illegible] for a [illegible] object [illegible] slip on that [illegible].

Mr. [illegible]: [illegible]?

A Citizen: I [illegible] streets

Mr. Metson: I [illegible] expense.

A Citizen: [illegible] course it is a very wide street to pave. [illegible] paving [illegible] width [illegible] so that [illegible] team could pass [illegible] have to drive [illegible] the [illegible].

Mr. Metson: [illegible] the [illegible] wall.

A Citizen: [illegible] doing that. You cannot [illegible] [illegible].

#6

Mr. Metson: It happens about once in six months. They knock that wall out.

A Citizen: I hope you gentlemen will do something because it is a nuisance. It is no use to live on the street that you call a boulevard and pay high prices for your property, and charge high rent, if people are going to move out of your placed on account of the dust. That can be arranged there, and I think Mr. McBaren will agree with me, that there is enough money spent on that crossing in repairing it, that would almost pave that whole length of the street. You have a man there pretty near every time it rains. There are men working there right now.

Mr. Metson: Men brush it off once a day.

A Citizen: The automobiles going in and out do not cut up that street so much, it is the heavy teaming. If you go farther into the Park you do not see that.

Mr. Metson: The roads are of the same material.

A Citizen: It is heavy teaming crossing this way that does that.

Mr. Metson: How do you account for Cole Street?

A Citizen: The light vehicles carry it on further. It is detrimental to the property and I think the street ought to be fixed up properly. You are under expense all the time in repairing it, and the repairs do not last very long. I do not like to tell you gentlemen what to do, but that is the way I feel about it. I think that something ought to be done.

Another Citizen: I am also from the Ashbury Heights Club. I have seen people cross that crossing every day for the last five years. I am surprised to see that people are so unreasonable as to want Cole Street closed to traffic and have all of it go on Stanyan Street. You want to

#7

[illegible] that just for a few grocery wagons and butcher carts. I would like to have an interest in those butcher carts and grocery wagons that [illegible] such a big business as to tear up those streets [illegible] they are torn up. They must do an immense business. They [illegible] supply the people who live around in the vicinity.

Mr. [illegible]: What is your business?

The Citizen: I am a [illegible]. I have my business on Haight Street. I live on [illegible]. On July [illegible], 1911 repaired Cole Street with red rock. On August 27, 1911 pur white rock on. Later on, December [illegible], 1911, [illegible] rain, two men shovelling the slush and dirt. December 29, repaved with black dirt, put [illegible]. January 10, 1912, half day rain; [illegible] Stanyan Street and Cole Street. Placed white rock [illegible]. A little rain for the [illegible]. July [illegible], 1911, [illegible] street Cole Street to corner of Fell. August 22, 1911 rain repaired the Stanyan Street [illegible] Fell. August 27, re-travelled and oiled Stanyan [illegible] Fell [illegible]. You see how often that has been done [illegible]. If you want to tell me that you are [illegible] Cole Street [illegible] Street--well, it is impossible [illegible] Fell Street is entirely [illegible]. You must consider the teamsters. They have [illegible] with it. The only level grade is [illegible]. I [illegible] sorry that you people [illegible] in the proposition. I will tell [illegible] District, and [illegible] in [illegible] if you want [illegible], [illegible] all of the traffic in [illegible] grade is too heavy. You must consider [illegible]. You [illegible] consider the public. You must place [illegible] position [illegible]

teamsters, that have to contend with those things. The district is growing. Hundreds of people and hundreds of teams go there. How would it be possible for the teams to deliver the groceries, and the butcher wagons to deliver their meats, if you close up that street--if you cut them off of this street. Now, it is a fact that I have seen gentlemen carrying the ladies over there because the slush is so great, and because they did not have automobiles or other vehicles, and they could not swim across, and they did not have any snow shoes. They had to carry them over, so they would not go in their houses with dirty feet, simply from this nuisance. It is a nuisance. It is an outrage. It is the greatest outrage that I have ever known of to the people of San Francisco, a crossing of that kind. Absolutely there is no reason for it. If you can afford to do it, gentlemen, you should do it and fix it to day. Place two or three inches of rock there, you leave it lay for three or four days, and the first day of rain you can hardly get across it for dirt. You have to have men working there and wagons and carts to take the stuff away. Is that economy? Absolutely not. It is a proposition of ignorance, what I call ignorance in not building a good street there in the first place. It is a blow and a curse to the city--the greatest curse in the world to a city to have that kind of a thing there. I am very sorry that you people are so slack in that proposition.

Mr. Nelson: Don't you think we have to spend as much money to keep up over their crossing in the Park as we do here?

A Citizen: I do not think so.

Mr. Nelson: You have your shop there and you see this crossing.

#9

A Citizen: I [illegible] there because I have to get my meals around [illegible]re. I want it taken care of. I am proud of this city and this park. I am proud of everything here. I [illegible] thousands of people around whenever there is an opportunity to do so. I have brought people [illegible] these gardens, and how they are taken care of. There was nothing more beautiful than the sunken garden. It was a beautiful spot, beautiful for everybody. It is filled up. If you want to do something why don't you go up on Strawberry Hill, one of the most beautiful spots [illegible] you can see-what do you see up there? [illegible] that you see there. When you [illegible] else you can't see anything [illegible] growing up there [illegible]

Mr. Lindley: [illegible] to wreck those ruins [illegible]?

A Citizen: I [illegible]

Mr. Lindley: You better [illegible]

A Citizen: Take them [illegible] has been spent in trying to keep up [illegible] is nothing [illegible] it. [illegible] They should be taken down. Forget [illegible] caused by the earthquake. [illegible] sunken [illegible] as nice for everybody. I took hundreds [illegible] people from Europe and [illegible] a picture of it. They said [illegible] beautiful spot they ever saw. [illegible]

[illegible] I was here [illegible] out under [illegible] that the people will [illegible] It is [illegible]

#10

Mr. Metson: As I understand you, your complaint is about this crossing on Stanyan Street, about the conservatory where the repairs are being made now, and because of the Sweeney monument which was destroyed by the earthquake and has not been wrecked and taken down yet?

A Citizen: Yes. I do not approve of things like that. When I see them I am disgusted.

Mr. Metson: Have you made any estimate of the money that would be necessary--

A Citizen: To remove that remembrance of the earthquake?

Mr. Metson: Yes.

A Citizen: If there was money enough to fill up that sunken garden there must be money enough to take the ruins down. The sunken garden was good enough for anybody. That is destroying public property. Nobody knows what is going to be done about the proposition. Everybody liked the sunken garden. It was the best thing there for many years. It was a beauty spot. Now it is covered up. What for? Other things are neglected. Is that business.

Mr. Metson: Have you advised yourself of the reason?

A Citizen: It is not necessary.

Mr. Metson: Are you just jumping to that conclusion?

A Citizen: Absolutely not. It is absolutely destroyed at the present time. I cannot think of anything that could be more beautiful. It is all filled up now. You spent money to fill that up and I don't know why you spent it. The people were satisfied. Everybody liked it. I took people there to see that that came from Europe and all over. I was proud of that place. But, gentlemen, there is no excuse. I have travelled around some myself.

Mr. Metson: How do you think Golden Gate Park compared with the other parks that you have seen?

-11

A Citizen: [illegible] park cannot be beat. Our park compares [illegible] nature favors [illegible] right here. [illegible] nature favors us a whole lot. There are other places [illegible] nature is not as liberal as she is [illegible]. This is one thing I take int[o] consideration. I [illegible]. I know what i[t] is. [illegible] hardly a [illegible] in this [illegible] thing of [illegible].

Mr. [illegible]: Are you [illegible] of the same improvement club?

A Citizen: [illegible]. I am a shareholder [illegible].

Mr. [illegible]: Are you [illegible] same club?

A Citizen: [illegible]

Mr. [illegible]: Are you [illegible]?

A Citizen: As much as [illegible].

Mr. [illegible]: Are you [illegible] club, yourself?

A Citizen: [illegible]

Mr. [illegible]: Are you [illegible]?

A Citizen: I [illegible] committee.

Mr. [illegible]: [illegible] Will you [illegible]?

A Citizen: I [illegible].

#.2

Mr. Metson: You expressed only [illegible] individual view?

A Citizen: Yes.

Mr. Metson: You are not expressing the views of the club?

A Citizen: No. As far as I am concerned you can close them all up. When I go through the Park I walk through. That is my own personal opinion. As far as the other people are concerned, naturally I suppose they do not want that closed up.

Mr. Metson: Upon what are you advocating the views of the Club?

A Citizen: In regard to Stanyan Street and [illegible] Street. I do not [illegible] tell you gentlemen how [illegible] [illegible] your business, but [illegible] the way we feel [illegible] it.

Mr. Metson: We are not complaining.

A Citizen: I have spoken to you in [illegible] these two crossings.

Mr. Metson: We will probably have a report from Mr. McLaren at our next meeting. If you gentlemen will leave your names with the secretary you will be notified in due time.

A Lady: I live in the Richmond District. [illegible] I have to bring before you gentlemen today may seem to be trifling. You have a little shack on Seventeenth Avenue [illegible]. It is about 100 feet from Fulton Street [illegible] people that live there have [illegible] time waiting [illegible] cars. I [illegible] ask you if you cannot move [illegible] further. The cars run very seldom [illegible] have to wait fifteen or twenty minutes. Sometimes we [illegible] [illegible] have to wait until [illegible] comes. This shack would [illegible] great [illegible] it was

[illegible] own. I [illegible] take very much [illegible] move [illegible] own. It is [illegible] now. It was in very bad condition before. [illegible] would like to have it over [illegible].

Mr. [illegible]: You think it [illegible] wrong place now?

The Lady: Yes. [illegible] we can see the cars in [illegible].

[illegible]

The Lady: [illegible]

Mr. [illegible]: [illegible] 7 [illegible].

The Lady: I think 75 [illegible] too [illegible].

Mr. McLaren: You [illegible] closer [illegible] street?

The Lady: Yes. [illegible]

Mr. [illegible]

Mr. McLaren: [illegible]

The Lady: [illegible] cars.

Mr. McLaren: It is [illegible] I [illegible] like [illegible]

The Lady: [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Mr. [illegible]: I [illegible]

The Lady: [illegible]

[illegible]

The Lady: [illegible]

not give us any protection.

Mr. Lindley: People would have no protection in rainy weather if you just put benches there.

The Lady: We have to walk quite a ways to meet the cars and sometimes when we are about three steps away from the cars they pull out and there is no place to stand.

Mr. Lindley: I move that the matter be referred to the Superintendent with instructions to make a recommendation in regard to the matter.

(Motion carried).

Mr. Lindley: Have you made an estimate on the cost of removing those ruins on Strawberry Hill?

Mr. McLaren: Not yet. We want to figure where we can use that material. I have not got the figures yet.

Mr. Greenebaum: It is no denying the fact those ruins are a sore spot there.

Mr. Lindley: It is [illegible] where we are going to get the money [illegible] all of those things with.

Mr. Watson: Mr. Dolge, we have asked you to come out here today with reference to your report that we have for a matter of a couple of months. I will take up the recommendations in that report. I suppose that is the [illegible] get at it. The salary of the secretary is $17[illegible]. per month, and the salary of the bookkeeper is $1[illegible]. per month. Have you considered the question of leaving the office here to attend to business downtown, the conditions here in the office, the fact that the secretary is a check on the bookkeeper, [illegible] a check on the secretary--in [illegible], have you considered [illegible] check against [illegible], [illegible] have here?

Mr. Dolge: Yes, you have a stenographer, and you have the superintendent.

#16

Mr. Metson: $200. a month.

Mr. Lindley: Can you get a competent bookkeeper, a competent person to perform services of that kind, for $200. a month?

Mr. Dolge: I think so.

Mr. Lindley: And give his exclusive time to it?

Mr. Dolge: Yes.

Mr. Lindley: What is the salary of the bookkeeper.

Mr. Metson: $125. a month.

Mr. Lindley: What is the salary of the secretary?

Mr. Metson: $175. a month. That would be $300.00 for the two.

Mr. Lindley: What check would you have on the accounts in the office?

Mr. Dolge: Exactly the same check you have at the present time.

Mr. Lindley: Does not the secretary check on the bookkeeper?

Mr. Dolge: I will refer it to the secretary [illegible] that.

Mr. Metson: You were here for six months the last time [illegible] answer that question.

Mr. Dolge: The secretary [illegible] the bookkeeper.

Mr. Lindley: There is no check [illegible] as [illegible].

Mr. Dolge: [illegible] the [illegible] auditor's [illegible] office, [illegible] the [illegible].

Mr. Lindley: You [illegible] check [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible]

Mr. [illegible]: [illegible], Mr. [illegible] would arise [illegible] secretary [illegible].

Mr. [illegible]: [illegible] would have [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Mr. [illegible]: I [illegible] to state that there is absolutely [illegible], but it merely occurs to me that a man at $200. a month could combine in himself the duties of both secretary and bookkeeper.

Mr. Metsch: We want to get your ideas about these things.

Mr. Lindley: I [illegible] that these recommendations were made in perfect faith by Mr. [illegible]. Whether these recommendations are [illegible] to follow, as a matter [illegible] judgment, I cannot tell.

Mr. [illegible]: Every year [illegible] employes [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] are sick. I [illegible] lines [illegible] [illegible] visited all [illegible] things. [illegible] weeks. [illegible] business life.

Mr. Lindley: Mr. [illegible] [illegible].

Mr. [illegible]: Decidedly not.

Mr. Lindley: [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] business affords opportunity for these employes [illegible] other things. Is [illegible] [illegible] report?

Mr. [illegible]: That is correct.

Mr. Lindley: I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] recommendations.

#19

Mr. Metson: The next recommendation is in regard to the adoption of a budget system, and so forth. Is that a new proposition that would be put in by you, Mr. Dolge? Is it somewhat different from the ledger we are now using?

Mr. Dolge: You could use the ledger you have now. You could ascertain in your proportions by memorandum accounts. You could use the same sort of a ledger, a small ledger, or a general ledger book, and keep in there assets in the shape of bequests or one thing an another, that do not appear on the general accounts.

Mr. Metson: Is there such a book here?

Mr. Dolge: There is a ledger here that could be adapted very easily to that. It would not have to be done on a double entry basis, necessarily. They could be kept on the memorandum order.

Mr. Lindley: Is that a mere mechanical proposition, or is it a safeguard?

Mr. Dolge: Double entry, strictly speaking, would be a safeguard. The ideal thing, it seems to me, for the board to have, would be a system so that at each meeting of the Board you would know exactly how much money you have to spend for specific purposes, also showing the amounts that had been expended for certain purposes, and showing the amount available for the different branches of the service here.

Mr. Metson: That suggests the idea of a budget.

Mr. Dolge: Yes.

Mr. Metson: Your idea is that we should have a fiscal year, commencing with the first of July, and that we should take our available funds and distribute them over the different activities of the Park?

Mr. Dolge: Yes.

Mr. Metson: Do you think that is practical in view

of the irregular calls that are made upon the Board in all of these activities?

Mr. Dolge: It seems to me that it would relieve the Board of a great deal of time in hearing complaints. With a budget you would know the exact amount expended for all of the activities, and just how much more you had to draw upon.

Mr. Metson: We are here for the purpose of listening to complaints. It is our duty to listen to complaints brought by citizens.

Mr. Lindley: Mr. Dolge's idea that there would be a less number of them.

Mr. Metson: That might be.

Mr. Lindley: I would not see any objection to it if it would relieve this Board from the causes of complaints. Even if you have a budget, it is not inflexible.

Mr. Metson: That is only one method of saving ourselves. We are here to please the public rather than ourselves.

Mr. Lindley: I have always felt from the beginning that there ought to be a budget, a distribution of these finds. It is a rather difficult matter and may require some experiment.to determine just exactly how the apportionments should be made. I think there ought to be some apportionments made in justice to the outside parks. They are just as much interested as people generally are in Golden Gate Park. It might be a difficult thing to arrive at the proper ration of apportionments as between Golden Gate Park and the activities of Lincoln Park. They are all clamoring for money for the purpose of beautifying or adorning their parks. It seems to me that if we had a budget system we would have something to fall back on. I do not believe the average citizen understands the responsibilities of this board and the number of things

#21

we are expected to do when we do not have the funds to do those things with.

Mr. Dolge: The city itself has a budget system. The administration of the city is on a budget system. There are distinct amounts provided for distinct purposes. They even get down to the point of specifying the number of clerks and specifying their salaries, amounting to so much money. One stenographer in the sheriff's office at such and such a salary, and another stenographer at such and such a salary. Then of course there is a surplus amount, or fund, which is available for emergencies. The city also has what they call an urgent necessity fund, of $100,000. on which they can draw.

Mr. Metson: The Park is run on a maintenance proposition. I cann't see how a budget would do us any good.

Mr. Dolge: There has been considerable construction work during the three years past.

Mr. Metson: That was all provided for by the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Dolge: You would prepare your budget calling for so much money and then you would go before the Board of Supervisors with your budget and ask for an additional appropriation for construction work. At the present time people appear before you and ask for certain things and you say "We have not got the money to do that with. You will have to go down and see the Board of Supervisors."

Mr. Metson: I beg your pardon. We never sent anybody to the Board of Supervisors. That is against our policy.

Mr. Lindley: That is where they have to go when they cannot get anything here. We have to pass the buck to the supervisors.

Mr. Dolge: They have to go before the supervisors

#22

and ask for the appropriation.

Mr. Metson: We have never made it a practice to send people to the Board of Supervisors. I do not think it is a proper thing for us to do, and we very carefully avoid doing that. We do make up a budget every year, as you know, and present it to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Lindley: We make an estimate.

Mr. Metson: That we call a budget. We make an estimate of our needs.

Mr. Lindley: Our estimate shows what we would like to have.

Mr. Metson: I would suggest to Mr. Polge, that if we met the very suggestion there is in his report, segregating the money into actual maintenance and construction work, how that would help us in listening to complaints

Mr. Lindley: We hardly ever expect to get the amount we ask for.

Mr. Metson: We put in our estimate to cover our actual needs. The Sweeney monument proposition has been put in for some time. I think it is an outrage that it has not been wrecked before this.

Mr. Lindley: Is there any harm in trying the budget system next July?

Mr. Metson: I am suggesting to you that we have tried it.

Mr. Lindley: Try it on a speculative budget.

Mr. Metson: I have no objection to trying anything once. The next matter here in this report that I want to take up is in regard to the preparation of the Park report. It seems to imply here that that report cost $1282.33, that is, that is what was paid for it here in the office. I want to criticise that statement, because I do not think that is a fair one. The total expense for the Park report

#23

was printing, purchasing the paper and cuts, having it bound and everything necessary, was $1282.33. The secretary could not do that. We employed an expert to write the report up in a manner that would appeal to the public. It has been the custom to employ a man to write the report. I think it is necessary. The suggestion here is that the board stood for an expense of $1282.33, whereas the secretary should have done the work.

Mr. Dolge: I will concede that can be construed that way. That was not the intention. The particular portion of that paragraph I desire to call the attention of the board to is that in looking over the park reports of previous years, and incidently the park reports of other cities of the United States, there is usually a continuous narrative of park activities. It struck me that if the park commissioners would adopt the policy of publishing a report, once every two years, following out the general plan of these reports, that it would be a very interesting history. This report was a very creditable one. It would compare favorably with any park report that I have ever seen. I have looked through a great number of them.

Mr. Metson: It is a question whether the city got its full value out of it.

Mr. Dolge: I think it did.

Mr. Lindley: I think the talent that is in this board eliminating myself, of course, with the assistance of the secretary, can get up our reports in the future. This money has been spent and when the question comes up in regard to the next report, we will take it up and discuss it here in the Board.

Mr. Metson: What I was getting at is- that this seems to indicate that we have wasted practically $1280. of the city's money.

#24

Mr. Lindley: I do not think that Mr. Dolge's report criticises it in that spirit. I did not look at it that way.

Mr. Dolge: I will have to admit that it may be construed that way, but that was not my intention.

Mr. Lindley: It is the statement of a fact, and it is true.

Mr. Metson: That covers printing and binding, the cost of cuts and paragraphs, and all of that class of work.

Mr. Lindley: The report cost $1282.

Mr. Metson: The total cost. He says that should have been done by the secretary.

Mr. Dolge: You can only accuse me of writing bad English,

Mr. Metson: Do not you read it that way yourself? The preparation of the report should have been done by the secretary. It was his duty. Then you go on to say that last year's report cost so and so.

Mr. Lindley: Suppose you leave out "preparation". The printing was part of the expense, also the lithographing.

Mr. Dolge: $861.33

Mr. Lindley: That is a mistake on the part of Mr. Dolge. He should have itemized those things. Unless the secretary has more attainments than I think he has he could not have printed that report.

Mr. Metson: And he could not have made the photographs, and so forth. "Monthly reconcilement of the Park accounts with the accounts of the auditor. Our demands as sent down each month"--a statement is sent each month to the auditor and is checked up. Now what more reconcilement can we do?

#25

Mr. Dolge: You can get your Park accounts in absolute agreement with those of the auditor. The only difference between the auditor's accounts and your account will be on the demands outstanding against the fund. That is exactly where you should reconcile your monthly accounts The auditor and treasurer occupy relatively the same position. Your accounts should be reconciled.

Mr. Metson: When we adivse the auditor of demands, why should we reconcile our books?

Mr. Dolge: To get your books in reconcilement with theirs, so that you may know what your balance is, and that it is correct.

Mr. Metson: We advise the auditor of demands that we issue, and I supposed that our accounts agreed.

Mr. Dolge: No, they do not.

Mr. Greenebaum: You send an advise that you have drawn these demands. Both amounts must agree at the end of the month with the exception of the demands which have been issued and have not been collected. It is done the same way in a bank with regard to the checks. You may advise me that you have drawn twenty-five checks. I take notice of it, but at the end of the month only nineteen checks have come in, and consequently the depositor's balance and the bank balance does not agree. All that is necessary for the depositor to do to ascertain his balance is to add to his balance the amount of the checks that have not yet been presented to the bank, or subtract from the bank balance the amount of the outstanding checks, and that will give him his balance.

Mr. Lindley: When you draw a warrant you charge it up against the balance on hand.

Mr. Metson: Yes.

#26

Mr. Lindley: Is not that sufficient?

Mr. Dolge: There is no monthly reconcilement of the accounts.

Mr. Lindley: How can you reconcile the accounts when some of the demands issued have not been presented for payment?

Mr. Dolge: That has nothing to do with the bills that have presented to the park. It has to do with the demands that have been authorized by the commission and has been sent to the auditor's office. Those demands have been charged up on the Park books against the Park fund. Every demand that is authorized here is charged up against the Park fund upon the Park books. Of course, the balance as shown at the auditor's office, and the balance shown on the Park books should agree, actually should agree except such demands as have been held up by the auditor himself, or by the finance committee.

Mr. Lindley: Some of those demands are not presented for payment immediately.

Mr. Dolge: There should be a reconcilement between the auditor and the treasurer in regard to that matter. The Park commission necessarily has nothing to do with that. There should be a reconcilement of the outstandings between the auditor and the treasurer. Your accounts here have not been in reconcilement since 1908. How much farther back than that, I do not know.

Mr. Lindley: Let me ask this question: who presents these demands for auditing?

Mr. Metson: We audit the demands here and then they are turned over to the owners.

Mr. Lindley: Then they go to the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors?

Mr. Metson: We get them from the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee passes them back to us and we de-

#27

liver them to the tradesmen.

Mr. Lindley: When are they charged on your books?

Mr. Metson: As soon as we audit them we charge them. Then we advise the auditor that we have released so many demands.

Mr. Lindley: When does the auditor make his entry?

Mr. Metson: When he gets notice from us. He does not have to audit them, though, until the tradesmen deliver them to him.

Mr. Lindley: Then I do not see how there could possibly be an adjustment or reconcilement.

Mr. Metson: The fire destroyed a great many demands and they have not been presented, necessarily. It is not our duty to reconcile these accounts. I do not see what reconcilement we can make more than to advise the auditor that we have issued such demands.

Mr. Lindley: I would like to ask Mr. Dodge to give us a concrete way in which this reconcilement could take place under that state of facts?

Mr. Dodge: The auditor takes cognizance of the demand when he audits it. He enters it on his books. The result of that will be this: these demands are charged on your books here, and there is no guarantee that all of the demands will be charged on the books of the auditor. Sometimes people die and demands are not presented. I have an idea that there is not to the credit of the Park Fund in the office of the treasurer about $10,000. more money than is shown by your books here. Your books here show only a balance of $2,000. for example and there is more money than that there to your credit.

Mr. Lindley: Outstanding demands.

Mr. Dodge: Outstanding demands. They will probably never come in. If there is any number of their coming in they could be cancelled here on the Park books, and

subsequently if they show up for payment, another demand could be drawn for them.

Mr. Lindley: How can we adopt a system that will make those things tally every day?

Mr. Greenebaum: You cannot do it in a bank or anywhere else. Take your demands against the auditor's office, if they are not presented for payment, how can you reconcile your accounts? I cannot see any way that you can do it.

Mr. Lindley: I am quite willing to consider all of these recommendations of Mr. Dolge's in the best kind of a spirit, ut I do not see how we can work out any system that will cover this matter. We carry upon our books a balance now that is a great deal less than our credit balance is in the hands of the treasurer. How can we reconcile the thing unless we have a fictitious system of bookkeeping.

Mr. Metson: Some of these demands have no doubt been lost.

Mr Lindley: We might possibly be liable, but we cannot in conscience draw upon that fund.

Mr. Dolge: The city itself makes a practice of cancelling at the end of every two years all warrants that are not called for during the two years.

Mr. Lindley: Is there a law that requires that?

Mr. Dolge: That is a state law.

Mr. Metson: I think it is a matter of legislation and not for us.

Mr. Lindley: What result would be accomplished, what practical economical result would be accomplised by having these balances correspond, over and above the condition as it is now? We are carrying a balance here on our books very much less than we are entitled to according to the books of the treasurer. There is no opportunity for anybody breaking into that balance that is carried on the

#29

books so long as we keep our balance as it is according to our method of doing business. What economical result would be accomplished?

Mr. Greenebaum: We could go over our books and find out the vouchers that have not yet been paid. Then we might get at the balance between the auditor and the Park commission.

Mr. Metson: We know now how much the treasurer owes us on demands that are outstanding.

Mr. Greenebaum: Our balance is considerably less.

Mr. Metson: We have $18,000. to our credit in demands that have not yet been presented.

Mr. Greenebaum: What do your books show?

Mr. Metson: We have issued demands and they have not been audited. The auditor agrees that our accounts are right.

Mr. Lindley: By taking both balances, they must agree. I do not see how we can do any other way.

Mr. Greenebaum- The balance in the bank does not always agree with your balance.

Mr. Lindley: The bank has no concern with the checks that are not presented?

Mr. Greenebaum: No, but you make up your account with the bank and there is a difference in the balances.

Mr. Metson: The Park Commission has a balance in the office of the treasurer by reason of demands that have been issued and not presented. We have checked those over time and time again.

Mr. Greenebaum: You cannot do anything else.

Mr. Metson: That has been done periodically. I believe twice a year.

The Secretary: Yes.

Mr. Greenebaum: That is all you can do.

Mr. Walter H. Linforth: Mr. Chairman, may I be

permitted to say a word? I am a taxpayer here. I take a lively interest in the management of this park. I have read this report, and some of the statements here are to the point that things here are a little bit slack. If it is proper, when the time comes, I would like to ask a few questions with reference to these matters.

Mr. Metson: That is what we are here for.

Mr. Linforth: I did notknow whether I had any rights here or not.

Mr. Metson: Every citizen has rights here. A citizen has the same right here that we have and we always say that he is getting paid the same salary.

Mr. Dolge: I also looked up the Park funds as a part of the city funds. If any department of the city government is doing anything that causes the funds in some other department to be slack, that ought to be remedied. The situation with reference to the Park fund at this time is this: the door is open in the treasurer's office and the auditor's office for them to put through a demand against the Park fund, cash that demand and nobody will ever be any the wiser, and the money will simply vanish. That is one particular reason why there should be a monthly reconcilement of your accounts.

Mr. Metson: That is a reflection upon us that we have been lax in our methods of bookkeeping here.

Mr. Dolge: I did not intend it that way.

Mr. Linforth: I take it as a reflection on this board.

Mr. Barry: In 1909 you made an examination of the Park funds?

Mr. Dolge: Yes.

Mr. Barry: In August, 1909.

Mr. Dolge: About that time.

#31

Q. And you say that prior to that time there was not a proper reconciliation of accounts with the auditor?

A. I do.

Q. And you say that it is an easy matter to reconcile?

A. I do.

Q. Why didn't you reconcile the accounts at that time?

A. I asked for permission to do so and the Park Board did not see fit.

Q. You were told to systemize the accounts?

A. I am not going to be catechised by you, Mr. Barry.

Mr. Barry: I am here as a representative of the Grand Jury. I was asked to be present here as the expert of the Grand Jury.

Mr. Dolge: I was asked to install a system of account at that time, and I pointed out to the Park Commission the necessity of that reconcilement.

Q. You also at that particular time made various entries in those books?

A. I did.

Q. Did they tend to reconcile things with the auditor's office?

A. No, sir.

Q. Why did you put those figures in the books?

A. They were put in there installing the system.

Q. They were erroneous?

A. No, that is not correct. The accounts were not reconciled. I will not admit that the figures made by me were not correct.

Q. You admit this then---

A. Just a moment. Just let me finish my answer. I was in just the same position that you would be in now if you attempted to make a reconciliation. You would have to arrive at the outstanding demands--

#32

Q. Did you ask the Park Commission for that privilege?

A. I believe I did.

Q. Was it refused to you?

A. I do not remember. I do net think it was.

Q. You were entitled then to make that reconciliation?

A. Yes.

Q. It was not made?

A. No, sir. Mr. Metson will remember that I was called off with my work when the change in the Board came.

Mr. Metson: That was in February, 1910.

A. Yes.

Q. That is when I came in?

A. That is the time I mean.

Mr. Linforth: May I ask a question?

Mr. Metson: I want to ask one or two questions myself.

Q. If you had that before you when you were here before, why did you reflect on this Board at this time in this report for not doing that which you did not do at the time you were paid to do it?

Mr. Barry: Why were they not reconciled at that time?

Mr. Dolge: Because the natural and easiest time to make that reconciliation would be at the end of the fiscal year, June 30th. The auditor's office has a resting point at that time. It is purely an accounting proposition. It is difficult to get at the outstanding demands in the middle of the month. You can determine your bank balance at any time during the month, because all you have to do is to go down to the bank and ask them for a statement, but a matter of this kind is a difficult proposition, when you come to arrive at a balance in the middle of the month. The end of the fiscal year is the best time to do it. Any competent bookkeeper could do it then.

Mr. Lindley: Would you require the co-operation of the auditor's office.

Mr. Dolge: Yes, to a certain extent.

Mr. Linforth: How long had you been working on the books in 1909 when you knew of the existence of these things that you have referred to?

Mr. Dolge: In 1909 I was in the same position as I am today. I was retained by the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors, and incidental to that work, at the request of the then Park Commissioners, I was asked to install a budget system, and a system of accounts in the Park. That was done incidentally to the other work I was doing. One of the things that developed in the course of that examination was that there had been no reconciliation. Naturally I would not go to the bottom of it unless there was some special reason for going down to the bottom of it. I simply permitted that reconciliation to take care of itself. It will work itself out as it will with a bank account. If you draw [illegible] hundred checks and at the end of the month only eighty-nine of them come back, the presumption is that eleven of those checks were not presented to the bank for payment and that they will get them the following month.

Q. How long were you working [illegible] at that time?

A. I started in, I think, some time in [illegible], possibly before that, and wound up some time in [illegible].

Q. Did you have any assistants?

A. I had one assistant in charge [illegible]. I can give you all of those facts--I can give you the exact time that I commenced that work.

Q. Don't you recollect [illegible] what your charges were for those services.

Mr. Lindley: I do not think that is pertinent.

#34

Mr. Linforth: Q. Did you make any suggestion at that time in line with your suggestion here about making the books of the Commission correspons with the auditor's books?

A. I am quite sure you will find such a suggestion in the report I filed at that time.

Q. With reference to these outstanding vouchers that have been issued do you not claim, or mean to claim, that those were not issued for valid claims?

A. Oh, my, no.

Q. How on earth can you reconcile the books here with the books of the auditor any more than you can reconcile a man's private bank account with the banker's books where there are outstanding checks?

A. That is all I want to do.

Q. How can you do it?

A. Why, exactly as you reconcile your own bank account each month.

Mr. Linforth: You gentlemen know the vouchers that you draw against that fund?

Mr. Lindley: We do not know when they are presented for payment.

Mr. Metson: We issue claims to the various tradesmen and employes and laborers.

Mr. Linforth: And you keep a record of them here?

Mr. Metson: Yes. We keep a copy of each one here.

Mr. Linforth: So that you kn w those that have been presented and those that have not been?

Mr. Metson: Yes.

Mr. Linforth: Do those that have not been presented and those that have been presented agree with your balance in the books?

Mr. Metson. They do.

#35.

Mr. Linforth: How can you reconcile that in any other way?

Mr. Dolge: Let me cite an instance. There was a demand drawn for $112.80 for the payment of a premium on the bond of a certain Park employe. I knew that that was not a proper charge against the Park funds, and when I called Mr. Metson's attention to it he very generously paid that himself. When I was here at the Park the last time I inspected the books, and there was that demand for $112.80 still remaining on the books. That charge of 6112.80 appears in one of the former reports to the Board of Park Commissioners and the Mayor. That demand was never drawn. It was cancelled, but was not cancelled on the books. I submit that there is at least a difference of $112.80 between the Park books and the auditor's books.

Mr. Linforth: That is simply a matter of cancelling that entry. The amount was paid out of Mr. Metson's private funds.

Mr. Dolge: Yes, but it was not cancelled.

Mr. Lindley: Isn't the sum and substance of this whole recommendation a matter of bookkeeping purely?

Mr. Dolge: Yes.

Mr. Metson: Do you not realize that this report has been taken to be a reflection upon the integrity of the Board of Park Commissioners? You do not know particularly sensitive the public is.

Mr. Dolge: This report is a report that was made by me to the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors. It was never contemplated that publicity would be given to it. The report was made to the Committee. This report is the same as dozens of other reports that I have made to the Finance Committee. It was never intended that this report should have been made public.

#36

Mr. Lindley: It should be made public. Any report following an examination of public funds should be made public. It is proper that it should be made public. I believe that this report was made in the best of faith. It is probable that you did not realize the position you would place this Board in when you made some of these recommendations.

Mr. Linforth: I have no interest in this matter aside from being a citizen and a taxpayer here. I took the very matters that have been discussed here to be a reflection upon this Board. I thought there was something in it. From the explanations made by Mr. Dolge I see there is nothing in it. It is a matter of bookkeeping--simply a matter of reconciling these books by the methods of bookkeeping. This memorandum from the records here says that you started this investigation on the last of June or the first of July, 1909, and you ceased at the request of Mr. Metson in February, 1910. Is that correct?

Mr. Dolge: I presume it is correct. I do not remember. I do not question any statement of that kind.

Mr. Linforth: You have not any animosity against any member of the Board here?

Mr. Dolge: No, sir. Why should I have.

Mr. Linforth: I do not know. I simply asked that question.

Mr. Lindley: I did not take the report in that sense at all. I did not look at it in that way. I did not take the report as bearing any animosity against anybody.

Mr. Dolge: I think you are putting me in a rather an uncomfortable position. I am a practicing accountant and I have specialized on municipal work. I have always aimed to be absolutely impersonal in making reports. I

#37

would like to point out to you that at least three of the gentlemen present were not members of the Board at that time. I have known Mr. Metson for quite a number of years, and I think and believe that Mr. Metson will tell you that I have no animosity towards him, that he has ever been able to discover. I was at great pains in the report to make no statement to that effect because of the great interest that Mr. Metson personally takes in the work.

Mr. Metson: That statement hurt me, and also my colleagues who have been doing the work here.

Mr. Lindley: I want to make a confession. I personally feel that I have not been doing my share of the work here, because the large share of the work that Mr. Metson does here does not call upon each Commissioner to do the best that is in him.

Mr. Metson: I think you have all done your full share.

Mr. Lindley: I take my share of the responsibility. We all have confidence in the Chairman of this Board. I do not feel, however, that the average member of the Commission does his share of the work.

Mr. Greenebaum: Neither do I.

Mr. Dolge: The principal motive that prompted me in going into these details was to apprise Mr. Metson of the details. I had no idea, of course, that any publicity would be given this report. This report was submitted some time in November.

Mr. Metson: I submitted this report to the Grand Jury and the Grand Jury then investigated our books; I told the secretary to turn the books over to the Grand Jury. We had no one to shield here. The report was turned over to the Grand Jury in November, so that all of

#38

these things could be investigated by the Grand Jury.

Mr. Lindley: That shows that you wanted to bring to the Grand Jury the criticisms made by the Expert.

Mr. Metson: Now, as to the next recommendation, as a simple account method for the childrens quarters, and the costs there. What kind of an account would you suggest for the Children's Quarters? We have a requisition there that the superintendent complies with. I think that is of vital importance.

Mr. Dolge: I think some attempt should be made to segregate the expense of running the restaurant from the expense of running the picnic cafe and the sale of ice cream cornucopias.

Mr. Metson: You do not mean to segregate the restaurant from the candy and all of those items?

Mr. Dolge: You can get at approximately the cost of conducting the candy stand the picnic cage as distinct from the restaurant.

Mr. Greenebaum: That would mean considerable additional help and expense.

Mr. Barry: Did you visit the Children's Quarters when you were here?

Mr. Dolge: Yes.

Mr. Barry: Do you know the superintendent of the Children's Quarters.

Mr. Dolge: Yes.

Mr. Barry: It happens that for the last eight months there has been an acting superintendent there. A lady.

Mr. Dolge: I have not met her.

Mr. Barry: Did you meet Mrs. La Rue.

Mr. Dolge: I don't know whether I met her or not.

Mrs. La Rue: I never saw him in my life.

Mr. Dolge: I did not go over there to make any

examination of the records.

Mr. Barry: You do not know what books they keep over there?

Mr. Dolge: Not in detail, no.

Mr. Barry: Then your suggestion might be entirely wrong?

Mr. Dolge: It might be, yes.

Mr. Barry: The fact of the matter is that at the present time they do keep the very segregation that you are recommending here.

Mr. Metson: In regard to the cost of articles there. I am vice-president for two concerns here, large stores. I have copies of the superintendent's reports, with the figures, sent to me for my examination. I submit those lists to these concerns and have them check up the prices in their offices, and in that way I individually see that the prices are as near right as I can. Would you suggest any other way to watch the cost more closely than that?

Mr. Dolge: I know the Park has had experience with reference to this matter. It seems [illegible] if the Park would purchase largely it would remove all possible ground for criticism there--if certain [illegible] was contracted for rather than being [illegible] market as you go along.

Mr. Metson: With reference to contracts. You have got a wrong impression there. [illegible] contracts on bids for all departments. [illegible] Sprockels is somewhat of a rancher himself [illegible] many thousand acres. Judge Lindley is [illegible].

Mr. Lindley: To my regret.

Mr. Metson: Then you are an agriculturist. We know what prices are paid for goods, because [illegible] buying and selling. We [illegible] bids [illegible] when these bids come in--they always [illegible] and we open them before the bidders in public. If we ascertain

that the city bid is lower than the bids that come to us, we take the city contract. Did you know that?

Mr. Dolge: Yes, I knew that.

Mr. Metson: If it is higher we reject the bid. If we find there is a combine around town, as there has been frequently on hay and graib, we reject all of the bids and buy in open market. We have never lost anything se far as those things are concerned, as yet.

Mr. Dolge: I was not referring to contracts with reference to hay and grain. I am familiar with that. I was referring to the material used at the Childrens quarters. There is a very considerable amount of it that could be provided by contract and the regular schedule.

Mr. Lindley: Several things we need there are not covered by the present schedule.

Mr. Metson: What have you to say with regard to our purchases with reference to the Children's Quarters.

Mr. Dolge: There has been too much open market purchasing.

Mr. Lindley: At exorbitant prices?

Mr. Dolge: I would not say the prices were exorbitant.

Mr. Lindley: I gives rise to opportunity for irregularity?

Mr. Dolge: I wouldn't like to use the word "irregularity". Take the coffee, for instance. The prices of coffee have gone up and down not quite with the market.

Mr. Lindley: It is purchased in small quantities.

Mr. Dolge: My principal criticism is that it is purchased in a small quantity in the open market rather then an arrangement made for a large quantity covering a long period of time.

Mr. Linforth: If they bought in large quantities would they not have to store the goods?

#41

Mr. Dolge: Not necessarily.

Mr. Greenebaum: In countersigning many of the demands I take special pains to find out where the goods are bought. Most of the things you mention were bought from the most respectable houses in San Francisco who would under no circumstances take advantage on the little stuff that we buy for the Park.

Mr. Barry: In reference to coffee, the custom of the city is to call for a certain quality of coffee. That coffee is used at the county jail, also at the city prison, and perhaps is not absolutely the best. The policy at the Childrens Quarters is to get absolutely the best of everything. Take in the matter of butter, the city has cold storage, but fresh butter is used at the Children's Quarters all the time. The city, when the fresh butter rate is low, gets fresh butter, otherwise it uses cold storage butter. When the cold storage butter rate falls below that of fresh butter, then the cold storage butter is used, but the idea at all times is to get the best possible for the Park.

Mr. Metson: We are very jealous as to the tables over there. We like to take very [illegible] care of them.

Mr. Greenebaum: We do not want the children to get bad food over there.

Mr. Barry: The sugar contract is a city contract. That is perhaps one of the largest [illegible] the city buys. The quantities that go out to the Children's Quarters are not very large, perhaps, but sugar is furnished to the city under a contract.

Mr. Metson: I would rather [illegible] if we cannot furnish the best that [illegible] tables over there. We buy the best [illegible].

Mr. Greenebaum: We try [illegible].

Mr. Metson: I have gone to the Children's Quarters

gone into the kitchen and taken samples of the food down to Smith & Emery and had them analyzed at my own expense. I have sent Smith & Emery out there to buy things, and they have taken them down to their office and analyzed them, because I wanted to be sure that the City Chemist here was making the examinations that we expected of him. I know that Mrs. La Rue sends down samples of butter, milk and cream to the City Chemist for analysis. The prices of all those things are checked as I have suggested. You say something here about the storage of supplies. There is only about $500. per month on the average, of goods used out there at the childrens playground that could be stored, in any event. You cannot store ice, cream, or ice cream, or any of those articles. My idea is that if we had to hire a storekeeper out there to store the small quantity of goods that possibly might be stored there, we would be losing money.

Mr. Lindley: I think most of the goods we use out there are perishable, and could not be stored very well.

Mr. Metson: The principal purchases there are perishable. Those which are not perishable amount to about $500. a month. The cost of keeping a storehouse generally runs up five or ten per cent. on your purchase price There is a certain loss by waste, and I do not believe you could get a storekeeper for less than $75. a month.

Mr. Lindley: It is pretty difficult to handle an activity of that kind on strictly scientific business lines. You have got to have more or less flexibility.

Mr. Linforth: Did you have any experience in matters of that kind before you got up that report?

Mr. Dolg : What do you mean by "experience".

Mr. Linforth: In regard to the suggestions you have made touching this matter with reference to the Children's

#43

Playground?

Mr. Dolge- You mean experience in running an institution of that kind?

Mr. Linforth: Yes, before you made up this report?

Mr. Dolge: No, sir.

Mr. Linforth: You did not have an experience in running an institution of that kind and you did not even examine the books they had there?

Mr. Dolge: I never had any experience in running a restaurant, or a candy store, or anything of that kind.

Mr. Lindley: The criticism is from the standpoint of accounting, as I understand it.

Mr. Metson: Mr. Dolge has indicated [illegible] policy here. He has gone beyond merely recommending a system of accounts He has suggested a policy to us.

Mr. Dolge: I certainly have, Mr. Metson.

Mr. Metson: In regard to the sale of Park postal cards, and so forth.

Mr. Dolge: In connection with all of these recommendations, I will say again, that I did not contemplate that this matter would become public property. It is one thing for me to make a set of recommendations to the Park Commission, suggesting certain things, that [illegible] involve a change of policy, and it is quite another thing for me to make certain recommendations [illegible] them become public property. I might say certain things to you, Mr. President, or to Judge Lindley, that I would not put in writing, yet I would tell it [illegible] faith. Again I might put something in writing in a personal letter that I would not want to be [illegible] public.

Mr. Greenebaum: The publication of this report has created some stir among my friends, [illegible] friends of my friends. That is the reason [illegible] know about it.

Mr. Barry: At the [illegible] they sell postal

cards at the childrens quarters.

Mr. Metson: You did not know that, did you?

Mr. Dolge: Yes, I knew that.

Mr. Metson: We tried it and abandoned it for the reason that it required too much watching and the income was insufficient to justify it. It might work out all right if we tried it again, but I do not know. It was not patronized. At the Beach Chalet there is no one that goes out there except women, nurses mostly, and children. We felt they would not buy anything out there at all, consequently postal cards and such things are not placed on sale there. Now, with reference to the charge for the storage of model yachts. What is your idea of that?

Mr. Dolge: Where there is a special service rendered by the Park to an individual I think a charge should be made for it. I think the owners of those model yachts should be charged a small fee for the storage of those things. I know that is not the general policy of the Park, but it struck me that a small fee might be charged for the storage of those model yachts.

Mr. Metson: Those model yachts cost four or five hundred dollars, some of them, and are quite an attraction to a great many people. We had this building that was not being used for any purpose, we wanted people attracted to the Park, and drawn away from other portions of the Park where there was congestion, we made it attractive for the model yacht people, they having put quite a little money into those little things, and we permitted them to store them there and made no charge for the storage

Mr. Dolge: I understand that it has been suggested if the Park make a charge the Park would become liable for the property that is stored there.

#45

Mr. Metson: Those model yachts are stored there with the distinct understanding that there is no liability on our part whatever. It was to encourage them to come there. We told them they could store their yachts there without charge. In view of that, do you think your recommendation is a good one?

Mr. Dolge: I should think not.

Mr. Metson: As to the clay deposits and rock quarry, both will become of increasing value. We know that. We have a rock quarry on Strawberry Hill, and we have a rock quarry that a citizen of San Francisco has been kind enough to let us have the use of free of charge. He practically indicates that he will continue to do so. As to the clay deposit, Mr. McLaren has [illegible] on his new grounds along the line of the railroad and there is another nearer at hand, so if a new railroad is built, that probably will yield something. [illegible] as near a clay deposit as we can get.

In regard to this matter of rent. What are the facts about that, Mr. McLaren?

Mr. McLaren: Most of those men have been there a long time. There is a man at the pumping station, and a man at each of the windmills.

Mr. Metson: They have free rent?

Mr. McLaren: Yes. You [illegible] windmills. If we did not give them their [illegible] to pay them more money.

Mr. Lindley: That rent is [illegible].

Mr. Dolge: This was in [illegible] criticism. It was simply a suggestion [illegible] Commission, to inform themselves on that point. I am in no position to judge whether those men are properly paid or not. I merely noted that there were certain employes of the Park who

#46

enjoyed free rent.

Mr. Metson: There are none others?

Mr. McLaren: The Japanese up there get their rent. That is an agreement that was made with them.

Mr. Lindley: It is part of the agreement by which they went in there?

Mr. McLaren: Yes.

Mr. Barry: Is it necessary for these men to be there both night and day.

Mr. McLaren: Yes.

Mr. Barry: They have to be there?

Mr. McLaren: Yes, they have to be there all the time.

Mr. Barry: Isn't it stipulated in their contracts that they shall have rent free?

Mr. McLaren: Yes.

Mr. Metson: There is one other matter in the report. It is in regard to the Children's Quarters, showing that we have overdrawn the fund $6,000. As I understand that, we could not pay the June bills in June. We cannot get the merchants to come in with their accounts which have to be presented and sworn to in June, for the June Demands.

Mr. Dolge: Absolutely you cannot very well.

Mr. Metson: I went after Mr. Munro about that pretty hard, I sent him out there, and he installed a system and checked on it occasionally. He can give some figures on that. I asked him to come out here to day.. Mr. Munro says there is no overdraft at the Childrens Quarters of $6000. This is the way that Mr. Munro works it out for me

Mr. Dolge: Do you expect me to pass on those figures now?

Mr. Linforth: Does Mr. Dolge say there is an overdraft of $6000. at the Childrens Quarters?

#47

Mr. Metson: Yes. Y[illegible] did not allow us for the month of June in the preceding year, but charged us with the month of June in 1913.

Mr. Dolge: I did not, Mr. Metson. Here are the bills for 1912. Here are the bills that were contracted for the month of July. Here are the bills that were paid in the month of July. I analyzed the demands that have gone through during the period from May 1, 1912 to June 30th, 1913. I located each demand in reference to the month in which it was paid, and secondly, in the reference to the month in which it was incurred. These are actual disbursements. This represents the month in which the demands were incurred. This is the month when the demands were paid. January, 1913 is applicable to July, 1912. This is a payment of $1[illegible].25 paid in May, 1913 and is applicable to July, 1912. If you will observe the May Day expenses, the May Day of 1912, paid some in May, some in June, some in July, some in August, [illegible] as late as April, 1913, it was $1464.78. The May Day expense of 1913, that is, disbursements only, is $[illegible]7.24, indicating very plainly that there are still some outstanding bills. Deduct these totals for those three months, that is, for May Day, and also for June, and compare it with the other three months and it will indicate an overdraft of about $6000.

Mr. Metson: You are taking [illegible] June of 1913.

Mr. Dolge: Here is the [illegible] June here; here is July here, and so on. These are all bills applicable to previous years. They foot up [illegible],100. The bills that were paid in 1913 for the same months are very much less. For instance, take that $4800. There [illegible] deduct that, [illegible] you have got your actual expenses [illegible].

#48

Mr. Barry: Wasn't this operating expense for the month of May?

Mr. Dolge: You see that it is not. From the statement it appears that the Childrens Quarters have been operated at a profit. You draw the inference from that.

Mr. Barry: Do you know how many bills were outstanding on June 30th?

Mr. Munro: $4800.

Mr. Barry: How many bills were outstanding at the end of June, 1912?

Mr. Munro-: $6100.

Mr. Barry: That is a credit of $1600.

Mr. Dolge: I will not agree to anything of that sort.

Mr. Linforth- May I ask one question? How long have you been an accountant? I ask that because I do not know you.

Mr. Dolge: I have had my certificate for five years.

Mr. Linforth: You have been following that occupation during that time?

Mr. Dolge: Yes. I have been a public accountant for eight years.

Mr. Linforth: Do you know the gentleman that has been talking to you here?

Mr. Dolgo: Mr. Barry, yes.

Mr. Linf rth: Do you also know this other gentleman?

Mr. Dolge: Yes, Mr. Munro.

Mr. Linforth- He is an accountant, is he?

Mr. Dolge: Yes.

Mr. Linforth: You and he do not agree on these books?

Mr. Dolge: I do not thing that Mr. Munro disagrees with me. Mr. Munro has just been pointing out something to me that he evidently does not agree on with me. I do

#49

no see it. I may be wrong. I am not infallible.

Mr. Linforth: You may be wrong?

Mr. Dolge: Yes.

Mr. Linforth: And the statement in the report that there is an overdraft out there of $6000. may be wrong?

Mr. Dolge: Yes, that may be so.

Mr. Linforth: And the statement that there may be an overdraft of $4000. may also be wrong?

Mr. Dolge: I think so.

Mr. Metson: Look at this paper, please.

Mr. Dolge: I am very ready at any time publicly to say that I am wrong, when I am convinced that I am wrong.

Mr. Metson: I do not question that. That was something that surprised me, because we have tried to keep track of things there, to know whether we [illegible] out there or not. These other figures [illegible] of the Park and one thing and another, Mr. Dolge, in your report. It would be impossible that our figures are all wrong. It is impossible to make a comparison of the different parks, as you do. Take Lincoln Park, for instance, they get about $2,000. per acre per year.

Mr. Dolge: I do not remember [illegible] comparisons with Lincoln Park, except [illegible] from Lincoln Park are very good.

Mr. Metson: You say [illegible] Lincoln [illegible] furnishes very good financial reports, [illegible] the management has been extravagant.

Mr. Dolge, Oh, no.

Mr. Metson: You say [illegible] management of the Children's Quarters is extravagant [illegible] wasteful.

Mr. Dolge: That I do say.

#50.

Mr. Lindley: It is $250. an acre on this park, as against $2,000.

Mr. McLaren: One hundred and eighty-eight.

Mr. Lindley: And they get $2,000. at Lincoln Park.

Mr. McLaren: Yes.

Mr. Metson: In one place here you say you cannot make a comparison then you go on and make comparisons to our detriment.

Mr. Dolge: I obtained that data from the Bureau of United States census statistics for the year 1910. I will be glad to submit that to you gentlemen. I tried to make up a relative statement on the basis of acreage. A great many of the park reports do not give the acreage contained in the parks.

Mr. Metson: Do you think that is a fair criticism of our methods here?

Mr. Dolge: I am not criticising the methods. I was simply making the proposition that the Park does not get as much money as other cities in the country, proportionately and relatively.

Mr. Metson: Does not get as much?

Mr. Dolge: Yes.

Mr. Linforth: The statement is to the contrary.

Mr. Metson: That is the way I understand it.

Mr. Barry: We spend more money.

Mr. Dolge: I was endeavoring to show that the City of San Francisco got relatively more money than other cities that were even larger than San Francisco.

Mr. Metson: That is the way I understand it.

Mr. Dolge: For example, here is a chart showing the outlays both for maintenance and for improvements in the Park.

Mr. Metson: That is according to population.

Mr. Dolge: These are all based upon population--these statistics are.

#51

Mr. Metson: You say in here that we are extravagant in our work and expenditures. That is the way I understand your report.

Mr. Dolge: The whole purpose was to advise the Finance Committee that on the basis of those statistics San Francisco was apparently and actually getting more money per capita than most of the larger cities.

Mr. Linforth: Are not the parks here more scattered than they are in other cities?

Mr. Dolge: I am not sufficiently familiar with the park situation in the different cities to be able to answer that. The statistics I have here give information in regard to Boston and Chicago, for the year 1910.

Mr. Linforth: Did you make any inquiries regarding other parks in the country before you made this criticism?

Mr. Dolge: I did not write any letters, no.

Mr. Linforth: You are aware that because of the mild winters in San Francisco conditions have come to be better? Did you take into consideration that they have to sprinkle perhaps ten or eleven months in the year, whereas in the large cities in the east they get rain about every day in the summer?

Mr. Dolge: I can tell you something about the situation in New York. It is not the same there as it is here. They afford a great deal of entertainment to the public in the winter time, and that is a considerable expense at that time.

Mr. Linforth: Did you take into consideration that our winters are mild here and we have to sprinkle practicallt ten months in the year, and that in most of the larger cities in the East they have rains every day in the summer, and in their localities they have very cold winters for about six months in the year?

Mr. Dolge: I think you will find from an examination

of the superintendent's reports that he reduces his force very materially as winter approaches. I think the force is down to about its lowest point in about January or December.

Mr. McLaren: That is about right. In South Park, Chicago, in the summer time they employ three thousand men, and in the winter fifteen hundred. We may employ fifty or sixty in the winter.

Mr. Lindley: What is your maximum employment?

Mr. McLaren: Three hundred and fifty. There are thirteen park systems in Chicago. The South Park system employs three thousand men in the summer and about fifteen hundred men in the winter time.

Mr. Linforth: The number of the employes is reduced about fifty per cent. in the winter?

A. Yes.

Mr. Barry: And the acreage in South Park and here, how do they compare?

Mr. McLaren: About the same.

Mr. Linforth: Mr. Dolge said that he did not know anything about the conditions of the parks in the eastern cities.

Mr. Dolge: I only went into it to the extent of the information given by the Bureau of United States Census Statistics.

Mr. Metson: Chicago has $12.75 on $100. of taxation, and the maximum we are allowed is $7. Is not that right?

Mr. Dolge: I do not know.

Mr. Metson: You wrote this report with the idea of conveying information to the public that we are extravagant?

Mr. Dolge: No, sir. I wrote that with the idea of conveying information to the Finance Committee, and I will

#53

stand on it until I am sure that I am wrong. The amount the City sets aside for park purposes, seven cents, as compared with other cities of the United States seems to be a very little amount.

Mr. Metson: Why did you pick out Lincoln Park and make a comparison.

Mr. Dolge: I do not think that paragraph can be construed as comparing Lincoln Park with Golden Gate Park. I do not consider it as a comparison. It is not so intended.

Mr. Metson: You picked out all of the things that would put the Park Board in wrong with the public and the Board of Supervisors here in order that some of the rich men of this city, who may die some day, and will be willing to give the City of San Francisco some of their money for park purposes, if they had confidence in the Park Board, and now they will get the idea that this Board is incompetent and extravagant and [illegible] will [illegible] anything. That is about what it amounts to.

Mr. Dolge: You are entirely wrong, [illegible]. That report was not written with any such idea in view. I tried to explain all of these things in this report, and I had no idea it was going to be made public. This report as I have said, was prepared for the benefit of the Finance Committee, to show the situation [illegible] here. It is an unfortunate thing that [illegible] public property.

Mr. Greenebaum: I think [illegible].

Mr. Lindley: I think [illegible] be made public. Any recommendations [illegible] betterment of the service [illegible] made public.

Mr. Linforth: You say [illegible] Lincoln Park for the purpose of comparison, [illegible] report seems to indicate you did.

#54

Mr. Dolge: I spoke there of the financial accounts of Lincoln Park.

Mr. Linforth: And you compared that with the extravagance of the Board here.

Mr. Dolge: That has nothing to do with extravagance at all. It was in comparison with the accounts here. That is all. I am perfectly willing to concede that the paragraph just referred to by President Metson, with reference to the Park report, might be misconstrued.

Mr. Linforth: I thank you gentlemen for permitting me to interfere here. I came out here because I thought you gentlemen were subject to criticism but I am happy to say that you are not.

Mr. Barry: Do you say that out system of accounting here is all wrong?

Mr. Dolge: You know as well as I do that there are various methods of bookkeeping that could be introduced here that would answer that purpose. So far as the bookkeeping is concerned my principal criticism is to the fact that the procedure here installed is not being carried out.

Mr. Barry: The bookkeeping installed by Mr. Munro?

Mr. Dolge: Yes, it is not being carried out.

Mr. Metson: As soon as this report came out it was turned over to you?

Mr. Barry: Yes.

Mr. Metson: You are the export for the Grand Jury?

Mr. Barry: Yes.

Mr. Metson: And you came out and went through the books?

Mr. Barry: Yes; with particular reference to those matters commented upon in the report. There are certain matters in the report about which I wanted to question

Mr. Dolge, and I will cite one of them: in the report he says that at the Beach Chalet Ivory soap was purchased for $[illegible]. and at the Children's Quarters for $4. At the Beach Chalet they used ten cent cakes and at the childrens quarters they used five cents cakes.

Mr. Lindley: The inference was that they were paying $8. in oneplance and $4. in another place for the same thing.

Mr. Dolge: I do not see that in the report. The report does not say that. The report says a case in one place and a box in another place.

Mr. Barry: I looked up the wholesale price on Ivory Soap. A box of five cent cakes can be bought for $3.90 and a box of ten cent cakes can be bought for $6.90. That is the difference on the five cent and ten cent cakes.

Mr. Dolge: In one place a case was purchased and in another place a box was purchased.

Mr. Barry: There is no question [illegible] inference there is that Ivory soap was purchased in one instance for $4.50 and in another instance [illegible].

Mr. Dolge: I am telling you that in one instance a case was bought and in another instance [illegible] was bought.

Mr. Barry: There are occasional absurdities in your report, and that is one of them. I think you should have obtained information before you [illegible] statements here, and used them for the purpose [illegible].

Mr. Lindley: The probabilities [illegible] Mr. Dolge jumped to conclusions.

Mr. Barry: These are absurdities: In March [illegible], 1912 there was a case of sapolio purchased [illegible]. In December 1912 Mr. McLaren purchased the same thing for $[illegible].50. I would like to ask Mr. Dolge [illegible] investigated to ascertain if there was any [illegible] in price [illegible] time?

Mr. Dolge: I did not investigate.

Mr. Barry: Was the price the same March 2, 1912 and December 2, 1912?

Mr. Dolge: I do not know.

Mr. Barry: The comparison is not of any importance because you have not made any investigation.

Mr. Metson: It is the wholesale price in one instance and the retail price in another.

Mr. Dolge: I think that is it.

Mr. Metson: Did you find here we have been stealing any money?

Mr. Barry: No.

Mr. Metson: You think that Mr. Dolge's figures in regard to the Children's Quarters are a mistake?

Mr. Barry: I am satisfied that they are.

Mr. Lindley: I wish you would check that matter up and see if you can get together. A wrong impression has gone out about the condition of affairs here. You ought to get together and see if you can agree on that.

Mr. Metson: Your conclusions regarding the Children's Quarters are the same as Mr. Barry's, Mr. Munro?

Mr. Munro: Absolutely.

Mr. Metson: Do you want to make any further criticism, Mr. Barry?

Mr. Barry: No, not at this time.

Mr. Metson: Just to clarify the atmosphere the park Board met the other day and determined that they did not want to be bound by the findings of any accountant employed by them, because it might be said that there woul be more or less favoritism shown by such an accountant, therefore, the Board felt that the men who are most in touch with accountants in San Francisco should select one, and to that end a letter was written by the President of

#57

f the Board to Mr. Archibald Kains, requesting that he select some accountant to come out here and make an examination of our books, to see what the situation was, and that he make a report upon it, whether favorable or unfavorable. You gentlemen have a copy of that letter.

Mr. Lindley: I move that the action of the President be ratified, and that the accountant selected be requested not only to go over the books, but to make such recommendations as he may see fit; and that the Park Commission will pay the bill, not from the Park Funds.

Mr. Barry: I will be gl[illegible] give a limited amount of my time to the accountant selected.

Mr. Metson: That will be very nice of you indeed. I would be very glad to have Mr. Barry and Mr. Munro make some effort to reconcile all of these things.

A Citizen: I have a friend in Lon[illegible], and he had a black swan that he says came from Java. He would like to know if you want to take care of it [illegible].

Mr. Metson: We will be very glad indeed to get it. We are thankful to you for taking the interest to come here.

The Citizen: He wanted to know whether it would be acceptable.

Mr. Metson: We will be very glad to get it.

The Citizen: I can answer [illegible] send it to the superintendent, and he will [illegible] care of it.

Mr. Metson: Yes.

Adjourned. There being no further [illegible] the Board adjourned subject to the call of the Chair.

[illegible]

Secretary of the Park Commission.

San Fr[illegible], [illegible]ebruary 5th., 1914.

Called meeting.

[illegible] of the Board of Park Commissioners held [illegible] office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, [illegible], February 5th., 1914,

[illegible] Pres. [illegible]tson,

[illegible] Comm. A. [illegible]rechels,

[illegible]

[illegible]

Minutes approved.

[illegible] Minutes [illegible]

Meet Minutes of special meeting approved.

[illegible]

Complaint re. unsanitary condition of Park buildings referred to Supt. McLaren.

[illegible] wit: [illegible] buil[illegible] [illegible]

Referred [illegible]

Re. Workmens Compensation Act.

[illegible] 1674 [illegible] [illegible] Francisco [illegible]

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

Referred to Secretary de Succa.

Re. Park music played by Municipal Band.

Copy of letter addressed by Pres. [illegible] to Director John [illegible] of the Municipal Band informing him that the Park music which had been loaned to him had not been returned to the Park Music Library. It is the desire of the Park Commissioners that only what music is needed at [illegible] withdrawn and after it has been played by the Municipal Band be forthwith returned to the Park Library.

The President's action was approved.

Letter of thanks for bison.

Letter from Alfred Spain, President of the Royal Zoological Society, Sydney, Australia, addressed to Com. A. E. Sprechels, expressing their sincere thanks for his kindness and assistance in sending a magnificent pair of American bison to them. Great interest is attached to these animals as none were ever seen in New South Wales before.

Climatic conditions favorable for exchange of animals.

Secretary instructed to acknowledge receipt of letter and inform Pres. Spain that as the climatic conditions were now favorable, the Park Commissioners desired an early shipment of the animals to be sent here in exchange for the buffalo.

Letter of thanks for bison.

Letter from [illegible] Souef, Director of the Royal Zoological Gardens, Sydney, Australia, informing the members of the Park Board of the arrival of the bison in good condition.

Secretary instructed to send [illegible] a letter containing instructions similar to [illegible] Pres. [illegible].

Sidewalk around Home Park not under the control of the Park Commission.

Letter from [illegible] Secretary of the Board of [illegible] Works [illegible] Improvement Club [illegible] sidewalk [illegible] built [illegible] Park, [illegible] that an estimate [illegible] cost be procured [illegible]

Re. bill for damage done South Drive.

Re. boys in Mt. Lake Park referred to Supt. McLaren.

Letter of thanks re. Mt. Lake Park.

Order into to attend to compl int re. Mt. Lake Park.

Re. boys in Mt. Lake Park.

#4

Re. hangers-on around Jefferson Sq.

From Chief of Police White, in answer to a complaint sent him by Pres. Metson of the Park Commission relative to the conduct of hangers-on towards the teachers in the schools near Jefferson Square. The Chief states that he has detailed one of his policewomen to break up that kind of work.

Subscription refused.

Letter from Western Motor Record, soliciting a subscription for one year amounting to $1.00

Subscription refused.

Re. Amusement Pier.

Communication from the Peralta Heights Improvement Club requesting the Board's views on the question of an Ocean Beach Amusement Pier.

Secretary reported that he had sent the Club the Board's opinion as adopted October [illegible], 1913.

Ordered filed.

Keith painting given to Park Museum by Mrs. Richardson.

Communication from Mrs. Mary Curtis Richardson addressed to Pres. Metson in answer to his request in behalf of the Memorial Museum "that the portrait of Alfred Robinson by William Keith be placed to rein". Mrs. Richardson informs Pres. Metson that the Park Museum was the best place for it [illegible] that the portrait was [illegible] there.

Secretary to send thanks of Board.

Re. meeting of Bureau of Architecture.

From Bureau of Architecture, Department of Public Works, addressed to Pres. Metson, giving notice of a meeting on Friday, January 20th, at 11 A.M. to consider [illegible] Severin, City Planning.

Secretary received notice [illegible] Pres. Metson [illegible]. Ordered filed.

Letter of thanks for information received.

Communication from Supt. [illegible], [illegible] Parks and Squares, thanking Supt. [illegible] for information [illegible] discussing the matter of [illegible] for Park purposes.

Ordered filed.

Re. Municipal R.R. across Panhandle.

Book given to Museum.

Re. Hamilton Sq. as a playground.

Re. Chicago Park appropriations.

Permission granted Owen McHugh to close drive.

Re. trees at Junipero Serra School.

Re. tennis court

had been made that a tennis court would be built in Alamo Square and as yet nothing had been done.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. High Pressure System lot.

The Superintendent reported that he had examined the High Pressure Engine lot at Clay and Jones Streets. To improve the ground for a garden it will cost $200.00

Secretary instructed to notify the interested [illegible] that if they put the ground in shape we will take care of the grounds.

Re. sanitary supplies.

[illegible] Pacific Coast Sales [illegible] the Individual Service Company and the Individual Drinking Cup Company, quoting prices on sanitary supplies to the Park Commission. Copies of letters ordered [illegible] each Commissioner.

To obtain City Attorney's opinion re. Jefferson Square.

The Secretary was instructed [illegible] City [illegible] Attorney [illegible] [illegible] of San Francisco [illegible] its rights to the ownership of Jefferson Square by virtue of the permanent use of a portion of the said Square by the Fire Department of San Francisco for an electrical station building thereon, for the use of that department, it having been provided in the deed of gift [illegible] the original [illegible] [illegible] time for Park purposes exclusively.

Re. removal of Beach Chalet.

[illegible] H. L. [illegible] the Beach Chalet [illegible] $[illegible].00. [illegible]

Re. convenience station in Hamilton Square.

[illegible] Fillmore Street [illegible] Club [illegible] called upon the Finance [illegible] Supervisors [illegible] informed [illegible] [illegible] Square, the Finance Committee

Information re. buffalo herd requested.

Re. improvement and protection of Ocean Beach.

Bids on automobile opened.

for the Oldsmobile now in use. A certified check for $395. accompanied the bid.

The H. O. Harrison Company: offered a "Peerless" seven passenger '6' C touring car for five thousand one hundred and eighty ($5180.) dollars allowing nineteen hundred and thirty ($1930.) dollars for the Oldsmobile now in use, making a net price of three thousand two hundred and fifty ($3250.) dollars. A certified check for $325. accompanied the bid.

The Jeffrey Auto Sales Company: offered a seven passenger '6' [illegible] car [illegible] thousand four hundred and fifty ($2450.) dollars, allowing nine hundred [illegible]) dollars for the Oldsmobile now in use. Certified check for $155. accompanied the bid.

The Pioneer Automobile Company: offered a "Chalmers" '6' for two thousand four hundred and twenty five ($2425.) dollars allowing [illegible] hundred and twenty five ($[illegible]25.) dollars [illegible] Oldsmobile [illegible] use. Certified check for $242.50 accompanied the bid.

The [illegible] Company: [illegible] seven passenger '6' C 1914 [illegible] for five thousand two hundred and [illegible] ($5280.) dollars. "We will further agree to allow you through our sales department [illegible] less than one thousand ($1000.) dollars for [illegible] Oldsmobile now in use, [illegible] four thousand two hundred and [illegible] ($[illegible]) dollars. [illegible] sibly less [illegible] the Oldsmobile [illegible] for a sum in excess of one thousand ($1000.) dollars, guaranteed". Certified check for [illegible] accompanied the bid.

Award of contract postponed.

The award was deferred until a demonstration of [illegible] cars could be [illegible] will [illegible] which [illegible] will be [illegible]

Report of Supt. McLaren. [illegible] received and rec[illegible] [illegible].

Curator's report. [illegible] was rec[illegible] and filed [illegible].

Report of Supt. La Rue. [illegible] Secretary instructed [illegible].

Report on water. [illegible] water rec[illegible]. [illegible] filed.

Adjourned. [illegible] and [illegible].

San Francisco, February, 19th, 1914.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Park Commissioners held at their office Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, February 19th, 1914:

Present were: Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum.

Absent were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. Curtis H. Lindley.

A. B. Spreckels President protem.

In the absence of President Metson, Com. Greenebaum moved that Com. A. B. Spreckels act as Chairman, motion seconded by Com. Cummings. The motion being put by the Secretary, was carried unanimously.

Minutes adopted.

On motion of Commissioner Cummings, seconded by Com. Greenebaum, the minutes of the previous meeting, a copy of which had been sent to each Commissioner (subject to correction) were approved as the minutes of the meeting held February 5th, 1914.

Re. Hamilton Sq.

Mr. H. Studzinski, [illegible] West of Fillmore Street Improvement [illegible], [illegible] against the transfer of the whole of Hamilton Square [illegible] jurisdiction of the Playground Commission, as he [illegible] it would then be used for baseball playing and [illegible] it unfit for such purposes, as it [illegible] the safety of the citizens of the [illegible] was informed that the Commissioners were [illegible] they could to have the present school [illegible] Square before any action will be [illegible], after which all persons interested will [illegible].

Re. Max Cook, a blind man, referred to Supt. McLaren.

Mr. Max Cook, a [illegible] appeared before the [illegible] and asked [illegible] near the

Ocean Beach that did not appear to be under the jurisdiction of the Board of Park Commissioners. He stated that he had been singing there for a year and a half but recently the police had prevented him. He had called on his Honor the Mayor who had referred him to the Park Board.

The matter was referred to Supt. McLaren who promised to call upon Mayor Rolph and see what can be done for Mr. Cook.

Re. convenience stations in Hamilton and Alamo Squares.

From Mayor's Assistant Secretary McAtee requesting information as to what is being done towards the construction of the convenience stations in Hamilton and Alamo Squares.

Mr. McAtee was informed that the plans were being prepared in the office of Reid Bros. and as soon as received and approved the work of construction will begin.

Request for elk referred to Supt. McLaren.

From John A. Libeu, Los Olivos, California, stating that he is well equipped to give elk the best care and best advantages for propagation and he therefore respectfully requests the Board of Park Commissioners to allow him a pair of the elk in the Park. Best of references will be given and he will pay all expenses for crating and shipping the animals.

Supt. McLaren reported that two elk can be spared sometime in the Fall of the present year and the matter was referred to him and the Secretary instructed to so notify Mr. Libeu.

Re. planting wild flowers referred to Supt. McLaren

From the Outdoor Art League submitting the following project which they have in view, to wit: plant the piece of ground near the Smoke Stack in Golden Gate Park with wild flowers where the children of the Orphanages may pick them at the invitation of the League only.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

5

Re. site for convenience station in Hamilton Sq.

From the West of Fillmore Street Improvement Club stating that it had been reported to them that the Board of Park Commissioners intended to erect the convenience station in Hamilton Square on the north side of the present tennis court near Steiner Street. By unanimous vote the Club approved the selection as being eminently satisfactory to the property owners of the vicinity.

Communication ordered filed.

Re. Compensation Act, referred to Supt. McLaren.

From the Board of Supervisors stating that it is the desire of the City and County of San Francisco to comply with the provisions of the Workmen Compensation Act of the State of California, [illegible] it is the purpose of the City and County of San Francisco to carry its own insurance and proper [illegible] made in the next budget for [illegible].

Referred to Supt. [illegible].

Re. Budget for 1914-1915.

From the Board of Supervisors [illegible] that all Departments file the Budget [illegible] fiscal year 1914-15 with the [illegible] before March 16th, 1914.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Request to sell articles at Verdi Festival denied.

From Verdi Monument [illegible] Mrs. Metson requesting permission to erect [illegible] near the site of the Verdi Monument, the [illegible] on sale for the benefit of the Fund also [illegible] sell on that day the program of [illegible] sketch of the life of Verdi and [illegible] medals.

Pres. Metson informed [illegible] the Committee [illegible] requested could [illegible] of the Park to sell [illegible] sold in the Park [illegible] public.

The contents of the [illegible] be [illegible] the requests denied.

#4

Request to pave Kearny Street.

From the North Beach Promotion Association requesting the Board of Park Commissioners to recommend to the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors that they make provision for the paving of Kearny Street between Greenwich and Filbert Streets said block being bounded on one side by Pioneer Park, City property.

Secretary to send copy of letter to the Board of Public Works and the Board of Supervisors.

Request for convenience station.

From citizens in the vicinity of 10th Avenue and Fulton Street calling attention to the absolute necessity of a convenience station at 10th Avenue and Fulton Street for the crews of the Municipal Railway. The present conditions are causing a nuisance and should be abated.

Secretary to send copy of letter to the Board of Public Works.

Re. chimney at Log Cabin.

From the Pioneer Women of California informing the members of the Park Commission that the fireplace in the Log Cabin cannot be used because there is not sufficient draught which causes the Cabin to become filled with smoke and the Cabin cannot be used without a fire as it is too damp and ask that the Board give this matter their attention.

Re. sea wall on Ocean Beach

From Mayor's office with enclosure from Mr. G. H. Sanders with suggestions for the improvement and protection of the Great Highway by a sea wall.

There being several communications on the same subject from different persons, Chairman Aprechels instructed the Secretary to keep them together for future reference.

Offer of elk declined.

From the St. Helena Sanitarium offering to sell eight deer: two bucks, one a year old and the other, 2 years old; and six does. All in good condition and domesticated. The eight may be purchased for $250.

Declined with thanks on account of lack of funds.

#5

Re. opium smoking outfit for Park Museum.

From Adv. Ba[illegible], Secretary to the Mayor, addressed to Pres. Metson relative to getting a certain opium outfit for the purpose of exhibition in the museum.

Referred to Curator Barron with instructions to secure the outfit for an exhibit.

Re. reports on milk and cream.

From the [illegible] of Public Health reporting the result of examinations of milk and cream, samples of which were submitted to them on February 13-16-18th. As the report was unsatisfactory Chairman Spreckels instructed the Secretary to call [illegible] [illegible] same.

Supt's. report.

Supt. McLaren's special report was read and recommendations adopted.

Report on water.

[illegible] water read and ordered filed.

Bulletin.

Bulletin [illegible] read [illegible] filed.

Resolution of thanks adopted.

[illegible]

RESOLVED: [illegible] a meeting held February [illegible] sincere and grateful [illegible] Spreckels, Park Commissioner [illegible] gift of the John Martin [illegible] orchids at a cost of $[illegible] [illegible] wonderful and beautiful [illegible] Gate Park [illegible] will result in a great [illegible] people of San Francisco [illegible] millions of her visitors during [illegible] Golden Gate Park more [illegible] never to be forgotten.

Seconded by C. M. [illegible] unanimously.

Secretary instructed [illegible] Spreckels.

Adjourned.

There being [illegible] the board the meeting adjourned [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

San Francisco, March 13th, 1914.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Friday, March 13th, 1914,

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
" Curtis H. Lindley,
" Sigmund Greenebaum.

Absent: Com. M. Earl Cummings.

Minutes adopted.

On motion of Com. Lindley, seconded by Com. Spreckels, and carried, the minutes of the previous meeting, a copy of which had been sent to each Commissioner (subject to correction) were adopted as the minutes of the meeting held Thursday, February 19th, 1914.

Re. parking Pt. Lobos Avenue.

A large delegation of citizens, members of the Sutro Heights Improvement Club, appeared before the Board advocating a plan to park Pt. Lobos Avenue and Geary Street from the gore corner of 40th Avenue to 48th Avenue, both these streets being one hundred and twenty five (125') feet wide. Designs were submitted representing the streets when parked.

Mrs. Dr. Merritt thought it a good investment for the City from a business point of view as it makes the section a preferred residential district by parking the said streets, which will never be done once they are paved with bitumen.

Secretary C.M. Stolz stated that the parking of both streets could now be done at a minimum cost and the members of the Club desire an expression of opinion from the members of the Park Board before they go before the Board of Supervisors and ask for money to pave both streets

if the Park Commissioners would take care of the streets' parked area.

Com. Lindley stated that the Board would establish a precedent by such action and that they would expect other people would want the same done for them. He reminded the Committee that the people voted against an Amendment to increase the Park expenditures at the last Election,

Pres. Metson informed the delegation that the Park finances were down to a maintenance proposition, and therefore they could not assume other expenditures.

Com. Lindley moved to refer the matter to Supt. McLaren with instructions to report at the next meeting the cost of maintaining the proposed park spaces on Geary Street and Pt. Lobos Avenue.

Tennis courts for Buena Vista Park requested.

A Committee from the Haight and Ashbury District Improvement Club asked for the construction of tennis courts in Buena Vista Park, offering to contribute any sum of money in excess of one thousand ($1000.) dollars that the courts may cost the Board of Park Commissioners.

Request deferred until next meeting.

Septic tank not to be c nstructed.

Communication addressed to Pres. Metson by City Engineer O'Shaughnessy, in which he assures the President that his office has no intention of constructing a septic tank in Golden Gate Park near the South Drive and 48th Avenue and that the main sewer will not discharge at any point in the Park.

Communication ordered filed.

Relative to Hamilton Square.

From the Divisadero District Improvement Club with enclosures from the San Francisco Congress of Mothers Club and the North of Panhandle Improvement Club endorsing the transfer of Hamilton Square to the Playground Commission.

#3

Secretary instructed to acknowledge receipt and keep all such communications together for future action of the Board.

Re. sickness of Patrick McHugh

Communication from A. B. Chaquette addressed to Supt. McLaren in which he reports the continued sickness of Patrick McHugh whose sickness is the result of conditions that exist on the work that his duties as ditch man required him to do.

Letter filed.

Re. insurance policies.

From E. N. Harmon requesting that insurance policies on paintings by Wm. Keith be returned to him.

Referred to Pres. Metson.

Re. sea wall.

From Secretary Rainey with enclosure from J. Schneider suggesting a plan to improve the Ocean Beach with a stairway bulkhead.

Secretary instructed to acknowledge receipt and file letter away with all others on the same subject.

Opinion on Jefferson Square lectrical Station.

From Percy V. Long, City Attorney, giving an opinion on the subject "Can Jefferson Square be used for an Electrical Station for the Police and Fire Departments?" His opinion is as follows:

> "By virtue of the adoption of Charter Amendment #52 at the last Charter Amendment election authorization is given to the Board of Supervisors by ordinance to set aside a suitable site in Jefferson Square for the purpose specified in the Amendment, which was approved by the Legislature on March 28th, 1913 and therefore the City and County will not lose its rights to the ownership of Jefferson Square by virtue of carrying out the terms of the above Charter Amendment".

Opinion ordered filed.

Opinion re. transfer of Hamilton Square to Playground Commission.

From Percy V. Long, City Attorney, giving an opinion on the subject "Can Hamilton Square be transferred to the Playground Commission?" His opinion is as follows:

#4

"The Charter, Article XIVa Section 9, gives the Park Commissioners power to set apart either absolutely or for a definite period of time such parks and squares or portions thereof as they may see proper, except Golden Gate Park, or Mission Park, for use as a Childrens Playground and the same shall be, to the extent of that use, under the exclusive control of the Playground Commission.

A portion of Hamilton Square by Resolution passed by the Board of Park Commissioners and adopted June 16th, 1911, was given over to the Playground Commission under the authorization of the above section of the Charter. It would appear from the foregoing that there is complete authority in your Board to make the transfer to the Playground Commission as the property would still be used as a "public square for public use" while used as a playground".

Opinion ordered filed.

Re. purchase of new automobile.

From the Locomobile Company of America explaining at length the conditions of the sale of their car and the conditions of the allowance for the old car. The selection of a machine had been referred to Supt. McLaren-after demonstrations of the different cars had been given the Superintendent, he recommended the Locomobile.

A motion was made by Com. Spreckels, and seconded by Com. Greenebaum that the Locomobile machine, recommended by Supt. McLaren, be purchased. Motion carried by the following vote: Yeas, Pres. Metson, Com. Greenebaum and Com. Spreckels. Excused-Com. Lindley.

The question of accepting a guarantee of one thousand ($1000.) dollars for the old car, or retaining it as the property of the Park Commission, was referred to Pres. Metson with full power to act.

Re. paper towels

From the Scott Paper Company relative to a vending machine which supplies paper towels. By the insertion of a penny, two towels 11" X 18" of a standard quality of "Scot Tissue" are served.

Communication filed.

Re. invoices for orchids.

From Mr. John Martin requesting the return of

#5

the invoices sent the Park Commission for orchids.

Secretary ordered to comply with request.

Re. convenience stations.

From Mr. Frederick Head requesting to know why the amount set aside in the last Budget for the convenience stations in Alamo and Hamilton Square has not yet been turned over to the Park Fund.

Secretary informed him that the plans and specifications for the said stations were expected from the Architect's office very soon.

Request for information re. windmills.

From Mr. Wm. McFerrier requesting information as to the manner of obtaining a Dutch Windmill such as is in Golden Gate Park.

Secretary forwarded information.

Re. convenience station at 10th Avenue and Fulton.

From Department of Public Works calling the attention of the Park Commissioners to Resolution #24819 Second Series of the Board of Public Works, relative to the building of a convenience station at 10th Avenue and Fulton Street.

Secretary instructed to notify the Board of Public Works that this Board is awaiting plans for such a building from the office of Reid Bros., Architects.

Offer of deer accepted.

From T. G. Somner offering to donate a pet deer about eight months old.

Superintendent of Parks to accept with thanks.

Re. automobile.

From Locomobile Company relative to the sale of automobile and turning over to them of old car.

Letter filed.

Re. bond of Secty. James de Succa.

From the American Bonding Company requesting information as to the habits, conduct, etc., of Secty. de Succa, the date of the last examination of his accounts etc., also a receipt for the payment of the renewal of his bond and information that the bond is continuous upon the payment of the premium each year.

Referred to Pres. Metson.

#4

"The Charter, Article XIVa Section 9, gives the Park Commissioners power to set apart either absolutely or for a definite period of time such parks and squares or portions thereof as they may see proper, except Golden Gate Park, or Mission Park, for use as a Children's Playground and the same shall be, to the extent of that use, under the exclusive control of the Playground Commission.

A portion of Hamilton Square by Resolution passed by the Board of Park Commissioners and adopted June 16th, 1911, was given over to the Playground Commission under the authorization of the above section of the Charter. It would appear from the foregoing that there is complete authority in your Board to make the transfer to the Playground Commission as the property would still be used as a "public square for public use" while used as a playground".

Opinion ordered filed.

Re. purchase of new automobile.

From the Locomobile Company of America explaining at length the conditions of the sale of their car and the conditions of the allowance for the old car. The selection of a machine had been referred to Supt. McLaren-after demonstrations of the different cars had been given the Superintendent, he recommended the Locomobile.

A motion was made by Com. Spreckels, and seconded by Com. Greenebaum that the Locomobile machine, recommended by Supt. McLaren, be purchased. Motion carried by the following vote: Yeas, Pres. Metson, Com. Greenebaum and Com. Spreckels. Excused-Com. Lindley.

The question of accepting a guarantee of one thousand ($1000.) dollars for the old car, or retaining it as the property of the Park Commission, was referred to Pres. Metson with full power to act.

Re. paper towels

From the Scott Paper Company relative to a vending machine which supplies paper towels. By the insertion of a penny, two towels 11" X 18" of a standard quality of "Scot Tissue" are served.

Communication filed.

Re. invoices for orchids.

From Mr. John Martin requesting the return of

#5

the invoices sent the Park Commission for orchids.

Secretary ordered to comply with request.

Re. convenience stations.

From Mr. Frederick Head requesting to know why the amount set aside in the last Budget for the convenience stations in Alamo and Hamilton Square has not yet been turned over to the Park Fund.

Secretary informed him that the plans and specifications for the said stations were expected from the Architect's office very soon.

Request for information re. windmills.

From Mr. Wm. McFerrier requesting information as to the manner of obtaining a Dutch Windmill such as is in Golden Gate Park.

Secretary forwarded information.

Re. convenience station at 10th Avenue and Fulton.

From Department of Public Works calling the attention of the Park Commissioners to Resolution #24819 Second Series of the Board of Public Works, relative to the building of a convenience station at 10th Avenue and Fulton Street.

Secretary instructed to notify the Board of Public Works that this Board is awaiting plans for such a building from the office of Reid Bros., Architects.

Offer of deer accepted.

From T. G. Somner offering to donate a pet deer about eight months old.

Superintendent of Parks to accept with thanks.

Re. automobile.

From Locomobile Company relative to the sale of automobile and turning over to them of old car.

Letter filed.

Re. bond of Secty. James de Succa.

From the American Bonding Company requesting information as to the habits, conduct, etc., of Secty. de Succa, the date of the last examination of his accounts etc., also a receipt for the payment of the renewal of his bond and information that the bond is continuous upon the payment of the premium each year.

Referred to Pres. Metson.

#6

Re. bonds of Museum employees.

Receipts from the Fidelity and Deposite Company of Maryland for the payment of the bonds of Curator Barron, Mrs. Ida Collett, Miss Anita Boyle and Mrs. Kate Donergan, all employees of Museum.

Offer of picture referred to Curator Barron.

From Mr. Eugene Levy offering to donate a picture of "Woodward Gardens" the old pleasure ground of San Francisco.

Referred to Curator Barron.

Re. paving of crossing referred to Supt. McLaren.

From Haight and Ashbury District Improvement Club stating that "it be the sense of this meeting that the crossways through the Panhandle at Cole and Stanyan Streets be bituminized.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Request for information.

From Mayor Rolph's office with enclosure from R. H. Fairman, Providence, R.I., asking for information regarding the construction of the Spreckels Band Stand and Shell in Golden Gate Park.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. sea bent grass.

From E. L. Bosqui, with enclosure from H. C. McCaughey of Bodega, California relative to beach grass and how to obtain it.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. Home Park referred to Supt. McLaren.

From East End District Improvement Club relative to the damage done to Home Park during the last storm and requesting that a bulkhead be built.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Request to distribute programs referred to Supt. McLaren.

From the Secretary of the San Francisco Sub-League of the A.A.L., requesting permission to distribute programs of the meet at the Stadium on May 9th, 1914.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Re. Hamilton Sq.

From the West of Fillmore Street Improvement Assn., protesting against any larger portion of Hamilton Square being placed under the jurisdiction of the

#7

Playground Commission than they now have, and promising to appear before the Commission when the question comes up for final settlement.

Secretary instructed to notify the Association when the Park Commissioners decide to consider the subject.

Re. coping around Hall of Records.

From the Secretary of the Board of Public Works with enclosure from the Outdoor Art League of the California Club, recommending the re-construction of the granite curbs and coping around the Hall of Records.

Secretary instructed to inform the Board of Works and the Outdoor Art League that the Park Commissioners have no jurisdiction over the curbs or the coping around the Hall of Records, but we will continue to take care of the grounds surrounding the same.

Re. Budget estimate.

From the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors stating that the Finance Committee will hear a representative of the Park Commission on the Budget Estimate for the fiscal year 1914-1915 Wednesday, March 25th, at 4 o'clock P.M.

Secretary ordered to send a copy of the budget estimate to each Commissioner and referred the notice from the Finance Committee to the Superintendent.

Re. paving of Presidio Parkway.

From the Secretary of the Richmond Central Improvement Assn., relative to the paving of the Presidio Parkway north of Lake Street.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

From the Richmond Central Improvement Club relative to footways along the curbs of the Presidio Parkway between Lake and Fulton Streets on 13th and 14th Avenues.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Bridge across Panhandle postponed.

From C. D. Salfield submitting a photograph

#8

of a steel and concrete bridge suggested by him across the Panhandle at Clayton Street to cost approximately forty thousand ($40,000.) dollars.

Matter to be considered at the next meeting.

Re. convenience station at 10th Avenue and Fulton Street.

From Department of Public Health relative to a convenience station at 10th Avenue and Fulton Street and recommending that the Municipal Railway Department be permitted to at least erect a temporary convenience station at that point.

Referred to next meeting.

Request for permission to sink sump.

From F. Rolandi requesting permission to sink a new sump five hundred (500) feet south of the North Driveway in Golden Gate Park as it is impossible to carry the water to the sump on 48th Avenue and Cabrillo Street.

Secretary instructed to notify Mr. Rolandi that it is the desire of the Park Board that he submit a plan of what he proposes to do.

Re. sea bent grass.

From the Spokane Chamber of Commerce relative to procuring a kind of grass that will grow well on dry sandy soil.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Check for buffalo received.

From E. Courtney Ford with check for four hundred ($400.) dollars in part payment from him toward the purchase of four buffalo, the balance, eight hundred ($800.) dollars, to be paid when the animals are received by him.

Action of Supt. McLaren approved.

Re. Hamilton Sq.

From the San Francisco Congress of Mothers Clubs endorsing the project to change Hamilton Square into a playground, with the proviso that some portion be retained and fitted up for the old people.

Secretary to acknowledge receipt and keep this with all other letters on the same subject.

#9

Re. Sweeney Observatory building.

From Richmond Central Improvement Club requesting information as to plans in contemplation for the restoration of the Sweeney Observatory on Strawberry Hill.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. Baker-Broderick monuments.

From the Baker-Broderick Memorial Association informing the Park Commissioners that the Board of Supervisors had passed a Resolution on June 2nd, 1913 approving the erection of statues to the Honorable David C. Broderick and Colonel E. D. Baker, within the Civic Center, provided the same meets the approval of the Park Commissioners, as per Section 10 Article XIV of the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco.

Secretary instructed the Association to submit designs of the proposed statues.

Request to erect Bulletin Board granted.

From L. P. Hobart, Architect of the Academy of Science Building in Golden Gate Park to become the new Park Museum building, suggesting that he be permitted to put up a Bulletin Board in plain view of the visitors to the Park stating that the building is the new Museum erected by the Academy of Science and that it will become the property of the people and will be open to the public as soon as completed.

Request unanimously granted.

Re. convenience stat on at 10th Ave. & Fulton St.

From the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, stating that the Health Committee of the Board of Supervisors recommends the construction of a convenience station adjoining the 10th Avenue and Fulton Street entrance to the Park.

Secretary instructed to notify the Health Committee that Reid Bros., Architects are preparing plans for the said building.

#10

Re. request for photograph and exchange of animals.

From the General Superintendent, Denver, requesting a photograph of the baby swings which he saw in Golden Gate Park. He would exchange a yearling buffalo bull for a deer or any other animals that we could trade.

Supt. McLaren instructed to send photograph and look into the matter of exchanging the animals.

Re. plants and exchange of buffalo referred to Supt. McLaren.

From Supt. Mische, Department of Parks, Portland Oregon, requesting some plants for trial in the Parks of Portland.

He desires to exchange a bull buffalo so that they may secure new blood for their herd.

He promises to do all in his power to secure the next Convention of the American Society of Florists in San Francisco.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. reclamation of sand dunes.

From U.S. Department of Agriculture relative to reforestation of land situated along the sea, how much of this land has been improved and what species of grass have succeeded best on this kind of soil.

Secretary to write to Prof. Hilgard of the University of California and obtain the desired information.

Application for position as golf instructor.

From A. B. Lagomarsino making application for permission to act as Golf Instructor on the Lincoln Park golf links, stating that he understands that anyone using the City Parks for a business purpose must first obtain a permit.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Request for information referred to Supt. McLaren.

From the Park Commission, Kansas City, who intend to put in a comprehensive system of swimming pools and bath houses and desire an expression from other cities as to what their experience has been.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Roof of Park Emergency Hospital to be repaired

From Acting Health Officer stating that the

#11

Building Committee of the Board of Supervisors would repair and retint the inside of the Emergency Hospital if the Park Commissioners would repair the tiled roof.

Supt. McLaren reported that the building belonged to the Park Board. The Board then instructed the Superintendent to repair the roof.

Re. oiling of Presidio Parkway.

From the Richmond Central Improvement Club stating that at a meeting held March 9th, 1914 a resolution was passed that the Park Commissioners be petitioned to order the oiling and rolling of the roadways of the Presidio Parkway.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Request for tennis court in Mt. Lake Park.

From Secretary Rainey with enclosure from "A Taxpayer" suggesting the establishment of a tennis court in Mt. Lake Park.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Request to close Main Drive referred to Supt. McLaren.

From the City Engineer, M. M. O'Shaughnessy, requesting permission to temporarily close the Main Drive for about four (4) days to expedite the work of constructing a sewer across the Park at 26th Avenue. There would be great danger in permitting the drive to remain open.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with instructions to make the contractor put up a certified check of five hundred ($500.) dollars as a guarantee that he will not be more than the number of days specified in the letter from the City Engineer.

Request for entrance postponed.

From the Central Sunset Improvement Club addressed to Pres. Metson, asking for an entrance to the Park at 24th, 25th or 26th Avenues.

Postponed until next meeting.

#12

Re. bond of E. Aigeltinger.

From E. Aigeltinger submitting a bond so that he might have his certified check returned to him.

Referred to Pres. Metson.

Re. San Luis Obispo Parks.

From the Chamber of Commerce, San Luis Obispo, stating that they had been informed that they may have the assistance of the Landscape Gardener or Superintendent of Golden Gate Park in laying out parks in that City and that seed and rooted plants of various kinds can be obtained by asking the Park Commissioners.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Report on water.

Report on condition of park water received from the Board of Public Health and ordered filed.

Report on milk.

Report on the condition of milk and cream was received from the Board of Public Health and filed.

Report of Supt. La Rue.

Report of receipts and expenditures of the Childrens Quarters for the month of February, 1914 showing a gain of $431.66 was received and copies ordered sent to each Commissioner.

Report of Curator.

Curator Barron's report was received for the month of February; reading postponed until next meeting.

Supt. McLaren's report and Budget estimate.

Report of Supt. McLaren for the month of February, 1914 was received, also an itemized list of improvement, suggestions, etc., for the Budget Estimate for the fiscal year 1914-1915. The Budget amounted to $705,664.54.

Superintendent's report adopted and recommendations approved and ordered carried out. The Budget Estimate was approved and copies ordered sent each Commissioner.

Black swan.

From H. G. Pfaeffle of 168 Belvedere Street, offering a black swan to the Park for Stow Lake.

Accepted and Secretary ordered to send thanks of Park Commission.

#13

Referred to Curator Barron.

From Laurence N. Morton requesting permission to photograph objects in Park Museum, referred to Curator Barron.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the Chair.

Secretary of Park Commission.

San Francisco, March 26th, 1914.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, March 26th, 1914,

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. M. Earl Cummings.

Absent were: Com. Sigmund Greenebaum,
Com. Curtis H. Lindley.

Minutes approved.

The minutes of the previous meeting, a copy of which was sent to each Commissioner (subject to correction) were, upon motion of Com. Spreckels, seconded by Com. Cummings, approved as the minutes of the meeting held March 13th, 1914.

Re. park spaces in Geary Street and Pt. Lobos Ave.

Mrs. Dr. Merritt appeared before the Board and again spoke in favor of having the Board of Park Commissioners agree to care for the proposed park spaces on Geary Street and Pt. Lobos Avenue from 39th to 48th Aves.

Pres. Metson told Dr. Merritt that on account of the absence of Com. Lindley and Com. Greenebaum the subject would have to be postponed for two weeks.

Re. sea wall.

Ex-Park Commissioner W. K. Gutzkow and Dr. Beck appeared before the Board, representing the Civic League of Improvement Clubs, and spoke in favor of some big comprehensive plan for the permanent improvement of the Ocean Beach from the Cliff House south.

The Committee were told that the Park Commissioners have had such improvement in contemplation for some time and are still seeking up-to-the-minute ideas on the subject through eminent engineers.

The Committee stated that the League had in mind the prospect of obtaining money from outside sources, such as the Automobile Club and others for the upkeep of the Beach.

Re. flag pole on Buena Vista Hill and sanitary drinking fountains referred to Supt. McLaren.

Communication from the Civic League of Improvement Clubs recommending the installation of sanitary drinking fountains in public squares throughout the city and that the flag pole stored at the Beach Stables be removed and planted on the summit of the hill in Buena Vista Park, promising the donation of a large American flag. A swimming tank is also petitioned for in Hamilton Square.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Civic League to be informed of each meeting.

From the Civic League of Improvement Clubs relative to the Ocean Beach, upon which subject a Committee of the League appeared personally before the Board as reported elsewhere in these minutes. The League also requested that they be notified of the time and place of each meeting and that the League be furnished with a copy of the minutes of each meeting of the Park Commission.

Secretary instructed to comply with requests.

Request to play polo in Stadium referred to Supt. McLaren.

From 2nd Lieut. Jas. J. Collins, 11th Cavalry, U. S. A., representing about a dozen officers, Gen. Pershing among them, who requests permission to use the Stadium one afternoon a week, Wednesday preferred, for practicing the game of polo. This request to include all civilians who may desire to play polo on the same afternoon.

As there will be quite an expense in having the grounds properly arranged the request was referred to Supt. McLaren.

3

Re. bill for ground-breaking exercises.

From Panama Pacific International Exposition Company requesting a duplicate of bill sent them in connection with the cost of preparing the Stadium for the Ground-Breaking exercises held October 14th, 1911.

Secretary instructed to send duplicate bill.

Condemned fire horses transferred to Park Dept.

From the Secretary, Board of Fire Commissioners stating that the request of the Board of Park Commissioners that six (6) condemned fire horses be transferred to the Park Department was granted and the Supt. of Stables requested to make the transfer.

Secretary instructed to tender the thanks of the Park Commissioners to the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Request re. Budget received too late.

From the North Beach Promotion Association petitioning the Board of Park Commissioners to request the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors to appropriate $10,000. for the improvement of the summit and slopes of Telegraph Hill.

Secretary instructed to notify the Association that their petition was received too late as our Budget estimate was submitted to the Board of Supervisors March 16th as required by law.

Secretary instructed to send copy of letter to Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

From Secretary, Playground Commission, requesting that the screen back of the tennis court in Holly Park be repaired.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Request re. Budget received too late.

From Haight and Ashbury District Improvement Club requesting the Park Board to insert in their Budget estimate for 1914-15 the following items: $15,000. for Buena Vista Park; $2,500. for Stanyan Street frontage to Golden Gate Park between Oak and Frederick Streets; and

4

$6,000. for the paving of Cole and Stanyan Street crossings with asphalt paving or vitrified brick.

Secretary instructed to notify the Association that their petition was received too late, our Budget having been submitted to the Board of Supervisors on March 16th as required by law.

Copy of letter ordered sent to Finance Committee.

Request for information re. refectories.

From Park Commissioners of Louisville, Ky., requesting information as to the advisability and practicability of establishing refectories in the Public parks in their City.

Referred to Secretary.

Re. Baker-Broderick Monuments.

From the Baker-Broderick Memorial Monument Association, informing the Board of Park Commissioners that for certain reasons, enumerated by Mr. Marshall Hale, President of the Association, in his communication to the Park Commission, it would be impossible to at this time submit any design of the proposed statues. Mr. Raphael Weill, Treasurer of the Association, is going to Paris to consult with Mr. MacMonnies with several suggestions as to style of monuments, submitted by the Bureau of Architects of this City.

Secretary instructed to again notify Mr. Hale that it is impossible to comply with his request in advance of passing on the statue itself, before giving it a place in the Civic Center, as the Charter requires.

Re. "Locomobile"

From the Locomobile Company requesting to know when delivery of car recently purchased will be made.

Referred to Pres. Metson.

Re. rental of horse and buggy.

From the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, stating that the Supply Committee of the Board of Supervisors has ruled that forty ($40.) dollars is a fair price for the rental of a horse and buggy by the month, and states that they will not approve any demand for a

5

larger amount.

Read and ordered filed.

Request for photo.

From Appalachian Mountain Club, Boston, Mass., requesting a picture of the Thomas Starr King monument.

Secretary stated that he had sent a report containing a photograph of the statue.

Re. condition of Great Highway referred to Supt. McLaren.

From Chief of Police White, calling attention to the dangerous condition of the west side of the Great Highway between Fulton Street and the Seal Rock House. He recommends that lights be placed at this location at night time and that a railing of some kind be constructed there.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Offer of sale of deer referred to Supt. McLaren.

From Secretary Essex County Park Commission, offering to sell about one hundred head of Fallow deer at twenty five ($25.) dollars each if a large number is taken and thirty five ($35.) dollars each if only a few are taken, f.o.b. Newark, N.J.,

Referred to Supt. McLaren who was instructed to effect an exchange if possible.

Re. trench for pipes for Academy of Science bldg. referred to Supt. McLaren.

From Lewis P. Hobart, stating that in accordance with a conversation with Supt. McLaren he requests that the excavation of the trench for the accommodation of the sewer, water and electric pipes for the Museum of the Academy of Science be proceeded with, through Golden Gate Park. The work to be done by Park employees but paid for by the Academy of Science.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. coi. controlling locks.

From Coin Controlling Lock Co., relative to installing coin controlling locks on the doors of toilets over which the Board of Park Commissioners have jurisdiction. Referred to Supt. McLaren.

#6

Request for loan of lamps referred to Curator Barron.

From the Levy Electric Company requesting the loan of a number of articles now stored in the Museum, for public exhibit. They desire a loan of such lamps as are in the Museum at present, to aid them in making an educational window display at their store #539 Market Street for one week.

Referred to Curator Barron, with instructions to obtain a deposit on all articles loaned.

Re. walks.

From M. S. Kohlberg relative to walks in Park and improvement thereof.

Referred to Supt . McLaren.

Re. Park stables referred to Supt. McLaren.

From the Department of Public Health relative to the insanitary condition of the premises commonly known as the Golden Gate Park Stables and ordering that certain improvements be made.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. exchange of swans.

From H. A. Snow, addressed to Com. Cummings, relative to the exchange of a pair of white or black swans.

Secretary instructed to notify Mr. Snow that we have no swans for exchange at the present time.

Offer of loan referred to Curator Barron.

From A. C. Baker, Director of Exhibits, P.P.I.E. addressed to Geo. H. Barron, Curator of the Park Museum, enclosing a letter from Mrs. Tagliapietra.

From Madame Townsend Tagliapietra addressed to the President of the Panama Pacific International Exposition enclosing a list of articles, formerly the property of Commodore John D. Sloat, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Squadron, Pacific Coast, 1846, who with the land forces of Gen. John C. Fremont saved California to the United States.

This collection, offered to the P.P.I.E., cannot be

received by them because of rules and regulations providing that no exhibit, created prior to 1905 will be reviewed by the International Jury of Awards.

The collection was then called to the attention of the Society of California Pioneers by Jos. M. Cummings, Executive Secretary of the Exposition Company, who was informed by H. L. Byrne, Historian and Librarian of the Society of California Pioneers that they cannot make use of the collection.

Mr. A. C. Baker, Director of Exhibits of the P.P.I.E., then wrote to Curator Barron of the Park Museum who brought the correspondence to the attention of the Park Commissioners at their meeting held Thursday, March 26th and the subject matter was referred to Curator Barron.

Re. exchange of armour referred to Curator.

From Miss I. Mulkey stating that she desires to make an exchange for an old suit of armour and an old hanging lamp which have been discarded and are at present in the basement of the Museum building.

Referred to Curator Barron.

Re. gift of Victor de Lambertini.

From E. M. Demming, representing Mr. Victor de Lambertini, who it is claimed delivered to Curator Barron one book, one old clock and one copper plate engraving as a loan, and now desires their return as he is about to return to Europe and wishes to take them with him.

Curator Barron reported that he accepted them as a gift and not as a loan.

Referred to Curator.

Request to cross Great Highway referred to Pres. Lotson.

From Edw. Malley asking permission to cross Great Highway with a two foot guage railroad track and trolley wire. He is excavating the rock from the Mile Rock Tunnel and will deposit it on the Beach on both sides of Balboa Street. Mr. Malley stated that he would

agree to any conditions the President might impose upon him.

Referred to Pres. Metson.

Bids on hose.

The following bids on garden hose were submitted to the Board of Park Commissioners:

Compressed Air & General Machinery Company: representing the Peerless Rubber Mfg. Co., with check $182.50.

6500 feet	1"	4 ply	@	$.26
500 "	1¼"	4 ply		.33.

Coupled and guaranteed for one year delivered at Golden Gate Park. Sample of 1" hose submitted, no sample for 1¼".

United States Rubber Co., with check $97.00.

6500 feet	1"	4 ply	Acme hose	.13½
500 "	1¼"	4 ply	Peerless Brand water hose	.21¾

Coupled and guaranteed one year and delivered.

Bowers Rubber Works: with check for $125.00

6500 feet	1"	4 ply	rubber garden hose	.12½
500 "	1¼"	4 ply	" " "	.16
			"Bee This" brand	.17½

Western Equipment Co. No check submitted, bid not considered.

Gutta Percha Rubber Co. check for $171.00

6500 feet	1"	4 ply	Maltese cross brand	.24
500 "	1¼"	4 ply	" " "	.30
6500 feet	1"	4 ply	Wallabout brand	.15
500 "	1¼"	4 ply	" "	.22

Guaranteed for one year and delivered.

Goodyear Rubber Company: Check 65.50. This bid did not comply with advertisement and should not have been considered inasmuch as they agreed to furnish 6000 feet of hose instead of 6500 feet.

6000 feet 1" 4 ply Goodyear Special	$.12¾
500 " 1¼" 4 ply " "	.18

Guaranteed and delivered.

Bennett Bros. Inc. check for $250.00

1" Jubilee hose	.20
1¼" " "	.30

Same hose guaranteed for one year:

1" Jubilee hose	.30
1¼" " "	.35

Republic Rubber Company, Check $125.00

1" 4 ply Chariot Brand	.17
1" 4 ply Hector Brand	.15
1¼" 4 ply Chariot Brand	.21
1¼" 4 ply Hector Brand	.19¼

Delivered.

Contract awarded.

The Bowers Rubber Works, being the lowest bidders, were awarded the contract for the furnishing of 6500 feet 1" 4 ply rubber hose and 500 feet 1¼" 4 ply rubber hose to the Board of Park Commissioners.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary Park Commissioners.

San Francisco, April 9th, 1914.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, April 9th, 1914

Present were: Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Com. Curtis H. Lindley.

Absent were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum.

Com. Lindley, President pro tem.

Com. Spreckels moved that Com. Lindley be elected Chairman of the meeting, seconded by Com. Cummings. The motion being put by Secretary de Succa, was carried unanimously.

Minutes adopted.

On motion of Com. Spreckels, seconded by Com. Cummings, the minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which where sent to the Commissioners, (subject to correction), were approved and adopted as the minutes of the meeting held March 26th, 1914.

Re. convenience stations in Alamo and Hamilton Sqs.

Supervisor John O. Walsh appeared before the Board stating that he called to learn what was being done toward the construction of the convenience stations in Alamo and Hamilton Squares, for which money had been allowed by the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors.

While Supervisor Walsh was speaking a messenger from Reid Bros., Architects, brought in the design of the convenience station for Alamo and Hamilton Squares; he inspected them and remarked that "it looked like business" and that he would now urge the Finance Committee to place the money to the credit of the Park Fund so that the work may commence at once.

Supervisor Walsh also expressed himself in favor of an underground convenience at Marshall Square.

#2

Chairman Lindley informed Mr. Walsh that the members of the Board will co-operate with him but that the Park Fund was down to a maintenance proposition and if convenience stations were to be built the Park Board will have to be given the money, whereupon the Supervisor said he would see what could be done.

Re. May Day exercises.

Mrs. Harzer representing the International May Day Federation asked permission to hold exercises in Jefferson Square.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. Accident Insurance referred to Supt. McLaren.

From the Board of Supervisors relative to Accident Insurance. The Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors requests that all contractors be required to protect their employees and contracts should contain a clause stipulating that employees are protected under insurance so that the City may not be involved in litigation.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. Baker-Broderick Monuments.

From Marshall Hale requesting to learn if the Board was in favor of placing statues of Hon. David C. Broderick and Col. Ed. D. Baker in the Civic Center.

Chairman Lindley suggested that, in the absence of two Commissioners, the settlement of the question had better go over until the next meeting. There being no objection it was so ordered.

Offer of sprig duck accepted.

From Mathias Schneider who desires to donate a sprig duck to Golden Gate Park.

By instructions of Supt. McLaren the Secretary stated that he had secured a permit from the Fish and Game Commission which had been sent to Mr. Schneider with instructions to send the duck.

Re. dressing rooms on Beach.

From the Board of Supervisors relative to Resolution J.R. #1206 which recommends the construction of

#3

some small houses to be used as dressing rooms along the Ocean Beach and calls the attention of the Park Commission to Resolution No. 47 and asks if the material designated therein can be used for the above purpose.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Information requested re. recreation buildings.

From Geo. D. Crowley, Acting Superintendent of Lincoln Park, Chicago, requesting information regarding rest and recreation buildings installed here.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. May Day exercises.

From Miss Pearl Allen stating that she has put on the May Day exercises in Golden Gate Park during the past six years and desires to know if she will have the privilege this year.

Chairman Lindley said it was the intention of the Exposition Managers to celebrate May Day on the Exposition Grounds this year on a large scale and he therefore suggested that the subject matter be referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act. He was instructed to confer with the Committee of the Board of Supervisors and the Exposition people so that they might co-operate.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried it was so ordered.

Letter of thanks.

Visitacion and Reis Tract Improvement Club extending a vote of thanks to Supt. McLaren for giving them the trees to plant in the grounds of the Visitacion Valley School.

Secretary instructed to acknowledge receipt of letter.

Re. swimming pools.

From the California Swimming & Life Saving Club requesting that one or two days each week be set aside for ladies.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

4

Re. garbage cans on Beach referred to Supt. McLaren.

From the Estate of Adolph Sutro, by Dr. Merritt, stating that she has seen 'B' Street between the Great Highway and 48th Avenue literally covered with heaps of papers which had contained the lunches of visitors to the Beach. The papers are blown in every direction and garbage cans should be distributed on the Beach with the notice painted on the outside "Throw all debris here".

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. auction sale.

From the Board of Supervisors relative to Resolution J. R. #1203 authorizing the Mayor to sell at public auction personal property unfit and unnecessary for the use of the City and County of San Francisco and being located at 18th Street and Treat Avenue.

Supplemental Budget approved.

A Copy of the Park Commissioners' Supplemental Budget sent to the Board of Supervisors and City and County Auditor was approved and ordered filed.

Permission to cross Great Highway in work on Mile Rock Tunnel referred to Supt. McLaren.

From Edw. Malloy, a written agreement with the Park Commission that he will, while building the Mile Rock Tunnel, if given the permission to cross the Great Highway south of the Cliff House, deliver all the material excavated from the south side face along the Beach at the Great Highway as the Superintendent of Parks may designate.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Bond of Bowers Rubber Works.

From Bowers Rubber Works presenting their bond in the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars ($250.) as a guarantee that they will faithfully carry out the provisions of their contract to furnish 7000 feet of hose to the Board of Park Commissioners.

Referred to Pres. Metson.

Re. automobile entrance to Park.

From H. Callender relative to entrance to Park at 20th Avenue and Lincoln Way for automobiles. Twenty Fifth Avenue was selected for the entrance upon recommendation of Supt. McLaren, to whom the matter was referred.

Referred to Supt. McLaren

From the Parkside Improvement Association relative to swings for the Square on Taraval Street between

22nd and 24th Avenues, referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. Coin controlled locks.

From the Pacific Coin Lock Company agreeing to take the lavatories named by the Superintendent, paint and enamel them, place locks and signs on the outside of the door and bear the expense entirely relieving the Park Board of all expense of installation and maintenance.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. shetland pony.

From W. W. Mack asking a concession for the shetland pony privilege in Golden Gate Park.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Offer of relics referred to Curator.

From Mrs. Clara Copeland offering to sell some articles brought to Canada in 1812 by Mrs. J. R. McLaren.

Referred to Curator.

Labor Council granted use of Stadium.

From San Francisco Labor Council asking permission to again celebrate Labor Day at the Stadium.

Permission unanimously granted.

Re. playground apparatus in Duboce Park.

From the Womens Central Campaign Committee stating that at the last meeting of the Civic Study Club the Secretary was instructed to make application for playgrounds consisting of basket ball court or hand ball court, slides, swings, etc., to be established in Duboce Park.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Offer of sale of collection declined.

Telegram from Margaret Townsend Tagliapietra offering to sell the Commodore J. D. Spreckels collection for three hundred ($300.) dollars and for six letters, etc., written by Jessie Benton Fremont, two hundred ($200.) dollars.

Secretary instructed to inform Madame Tagliapietra that owing to the lack of funds the Board of Park Commissioners are unable to purchase her valuable collection.

6

Bird accepted.

From O. C. Yenne stating that he had a South American Trumpeter which he desires to donate to Golden Gate Park. The Secretary reported that by instruction of Supt. McLaren he had sent for the bird.

Re. buffalo from Portland.

From E. T. Mische, Superintendent of Parks, Portland, Oregon, informing Supt. McLaren that he had sent by the boat April 7th, 1914, freight prepaid, crated, one six year old buffalo. Mr. Mische returns thanks for the plants sent him by Supt. McLaren.

Read and ordered filed.

Re. use of Log Cabin.

From Adelaide P. Marston, stating that the Oakland Chapter Daughters American Republic again request the use of the Log Cabin on Flag Day.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Supt. McLaren's report,

The Superintendent's report for March was received and considered. He recommends that of the 6500 feet of hose contracted for at the last meeting, 4000 feet be taken at $.12½ per foot and 2500 feet at $.17½.

Recommendations adopted and report ordered filed.

Supt. La Rue's report.

Report of Supt. La Rue of the Childrens Quarters showing a profit of $956.00 for the month of March was read and copies ordered sent to each Commissioner.

Curator's report.

Curator Barron's report was read and filed.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary Park Commissioners

San Francisco, April 23rd, 1914.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, April 23rd, 1914

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Com. Curtis H. Lindley,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum.

Minutes approved.

On motion of Com. Spreckels, seconded by Com. Lindley and carried, the minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to each Commissioner (subject to correction), were approved and adopted as the minutes of the meeting held April 9th, 1914.

Relative to Hamilton Square

Mr. Chester Williamson, representing the Devisadero District Improvement Association, appeared before the Board advocating the placing of Hamilton Square under the jurisdiction of the Playground Commission to be used as a Childrens Playground.

He was informed by Pres. Metson that as there were protests on file against such a procedure, all persons interested would have to be heard.

On motion of Com. Lindley, seconded by Com. A.B. Spreckels and carried the Secretary was instructed to notify the different Clubs interested and who have communications before the Board on this subject, to attend the next meeting of the Board.

Object to playground in Panhandle.

A delegation from the Haight and Ashbury District Improvement Club appeared before the Board; Dr. Koch acting as spokesman stated that the Club was opposed to turning any part of the Panhandle into a Playground.

He was informed that there was no request before

the Board to that effect.

Re. canopy over Haight Street entrance to Park.

The question of erecting a canopy over the Haight Street entrance to the Park was considered by the Board, a design having been submitted, the cost of which being estimated at two thousand ($2000.) dollars. A representative of the Sunset Improvement Assn. was told by the President that owing to the lack of funds the Board could not build the canopy. The representative stated that he would try and raise the money in some other direction.

Re. Horse Tag Day.

Former Park Commissioner W.H. Gutshow being present was given the floor. He stated that, at the suggestion of the San Francisco Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, an Association to be known as the "San Francisco Horse Tag Day Assn." has been organized by about thirty representative business men of this City; Dr. I.E. Daniel its President and W.H. Gutshow its Treasurer. The purpose of the association is to solicit an animals' ambulance fund so that a modern ambulance for the removal of disabled horses, which the Society is severely in need of, may be purchased.

Mr. Gutshow asked that permission be given him to communicate with Prof. Chas.H. Cossasa and induce him to dedicate a piece of music suitable to the Horse Tag Day to be played at the Sunday Concert Day July 1st, 1914 and have same announced on the program.

Permission unanimously granted.

Re. Last Will and Testament of Miss Sarah M. Spooner.

The Secretary notified the Board of the death a few days ago of Miss Sarah M. Spooner and produced two documents, one declaring that "the Hon. the Park Commissioners she presents to the City and County of San Francisco all articles which I have previously loaned and which are now within the Memorial Museum in Golden Gate Park, excepting the oil paintings" and many other articles which are mentioned. This document is dated San Francisco February 29th, 1904.

3

The other document purports to be the Last Will and Testament of Sarah M. Spooner, dated 2nd day of March, 1904 and in this she devises and bequesths to the City and County of San Francisco all the oil paintings and pictures now belonging to her in the Memorial Museum in Golden Gate Park and requests that the same may be left in exhibition in said Museum to be known as the Spooner Collection.

Hon. A. B. Spreckels, then President of the Board of Park Commissioners, was appointed Executor of this Will to serve without bonds.

The documents were returned to the Secretary with instructions that he retain same until certain that no subsequent Will has been made; when this is known to be the case, the document is to be given to Pres. Metson who has volunteered his services as Attorney for Com. A. B. Spreckels the Executor.

Letter of thanks.

From the San Francisco Labor Council expressing [illegible] the Council for the use of the Stadium on Labor Day.

Letter filed.

Permission granted to test water supply of Park.

From the Panama Pacific International Exposition asking permission to dig test pits and sink test wells in Golden Gate Park to ascertain the available water supply underlying the Park with a view of utilizing the same for the Exposition work, to be under the direction of Supt. McLaren and the Exposition Director of Works.

Permission granted.

Permission to collect Valley Quail eggs granted.

From the Fish [illegible] Commission requesting permission to collect in Golden Gate Park, during the present Spring, not in excess of two hundred and fifty [illegible] of the Valley Quail, same to be collected by Mr. [illegible] Fiske, Superintendent of the [illegible]. If the raising [illegible] is successful they will return a

4

good proportion of the birds to Golden Gate Park.

Permission granted.

Re. statues of Col. Baker and Senator Broderick

From Marshall Wale in which the Baker Broderick Memorial Monument Association asks "Can we have the assurance of the Park Commissioners that, so far as the idea of erecting monuments to Col. Baker and Senator Broderick in the Civic Center is concerned, it meets with their approval, and that the design of the statues is subject to their approval before acceptance?"

President Metson stated that he had answered the letter and ordered same filed.

Pres. Metson misquoted.

Communication from Pres. [illegible] to Supt. John McLaren relative to being misquoted in the "Chronicle" concerning statements with reference to [illegible] in Lincoln Park.

Letter filed.

Re. gateway presented to Park.

From Elias [illegible], [illegible], sending design of a gateway [illegible] present to the Park as [illegible]. This gateway is intended [illegible] to the Park.

Referred to [illegible] with full power to act.

Re. Labor Day referred to Supt. McLaren.

From the International [illegible] requesting the use of a place [illegible] the afternoon of the first [illegible], [illegible] a car line, where men, [illegible] listen to an address on the [illegible] of International Labor Day.

Referred to Supt. [illegible] full power to act.

Re. Conference on City Planning.

From the National Conference on City Planning extending a most cordial invitation [illegible] to be present at the National Conference on City Plan-

ning which meets in Toronto, May 25th-27th, 1914.

Ordered filed.

Re. Grove of California trees.

From Margaret Farrell asking the Park Commission to set apart a "California Grove" to contain our glorious sequoias, pines, firs, hemlocks, oaks and madronas and label them with their common names such as Sugar Pine, Big Cone Pine, etc.

Referred to Supt. McLaren who remarked that he could show the lady just such a California Grove at this time in the Park as she writes of.

Re. stagnant pool of water in Balboa Park.

From the Department of Public Health with report from Plumbing Inspector W. D. Hobro relative to a stagnant pool of water which is a menace to the children and a breeding place for mosquitos, existing in Balboa Park. It is recommended that this pool be filled in or drained.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. band stands in Squares.

From Board of Supervisors, submitting sketches of band stands that can be erected without a roof for $650.00, with a roof for $1500. with a canvas roof for $1200.00. The Public Welfare Committee recommends their erection in as many squares as funds will permit and in such squares as the Board may deem best.

The Board decided that owing to the lack of funds no band stands can be built at present.

Re. Garden lot for Sutro School.

From Department of Education relative to the preparation for a garden for the Sutro School on lot on 12th. Avenue between J and I Streets requesting that the grounds be ploughed and harrowed so that the lot may be in readiness for garden purposes.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Petition of Battista Passera returned.

From Battista Passera requesting employment in the Park.

Secretary was instructed to notify him that there

6

is nothing to offer him in the way of Park employment and to return him the petition which he filed with the Board some time ago.

Letter of thanks.

From F. [illegible]. Sawyer of the Central Sunset Improvement Club thanking the members of the Board for the 20th Avenue entrance to the Park at Lincoln Way.

Ordered filed.

Re. water rates for Parks.

From the Spring Valley Water Company in answer to Supt. McLaren's request that a flat rate be given for water used in the Parks and Squares.

Manager Wallace writes that nearly all the Parks are now on a flat rate. Trial meters are maintained at some of the parks, but bills are rendered on a flat rate and not by the showing of the meter.

Ordered filed.

Re. swimming pool in Mission Park.

From the Mission Promotion Association relative to the insanitary condition of the children's pool in Mission Park making it a menace [illegible] the children.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. Hamilton Sq.

From the Playground Commission [illegible] that [illegible] that the Board of Park Commissioners [illegible] disposed to transfer all of Hamilton [illegible] the jurisdiction of the Playground Commission.

Secretary instructed [illegible] Playground Commission that the disposition [illegible] will be taken up at the meeting to be [illegible] 7th, [illegible] special order of business.

Check for buffalo.

From E. Courtney [illegible] with check for $[illegible]00.00 being the balance of $1200.00 [illegible] buffalo [illegible] him by the Park Commission.

Secretary instructed [illegible] the credit of the Park Fund.

7

Request to build band stand in Buena Vista Park.

From the Haight and Ashbury District Improvement Association stating that on May 30th they will publicly thank the Board of Park Commissioners for all work done in Buena Vista Park. They ask for permission to build a band stand for the use of the Municipal Band on this occasion as well as for future events.

Referred to Com. Cummings and Supt. McLaren.

To hold track meet at Stadium.

From Leo. J. Rabinowitz, representing The Religious School of Temple Emmanuel asking permission to hold a track meet in the Stadium, April 26th, 1914.

Permission granted.

Bond of W.E. Dennis

From the United States Fidelity & Guarantee Company presenting the bond of Wm. E. Dennis, General Utility man at the Museum, for $2000. Pres. Metson approved the same and ordered it sent to His Honor, Mayor James Rolph, Jr.

Supt. McLaren reports on May Day and other matters.

Supt. McLaren to whom was referred the question of May Day celebration in the Park recommended the entertainment of some of the small children by setting up a May pole, having a small band and distributing an orange and a bag of candy to each child.

He reported against hand ball and basket ball courts in Duboce Park on account of the Park being too small.

He also reported against opening the swimming pool in the Stadium to women.

Re. Noah's Ark.

From A. C. Foucle relative to the prospectus of a Noah's Ark in the Park.

Communication ordered filed.

Re. employment.

From H. Christensen requesting employment in the Park Museum referred to Curator Barron.

8

Report on water. From the Department of Public Health reporting the condition of the drinking water in the Park.

Ordered filed.

Health Bulletin. The Health Bulletin of the Board of Public Health received and ordered filed.

Adjourned. There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary of Park Commissioners.

A

San Francisco, May 7th, 1914.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, May 7th, at 3:30 P.M.

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
" Curtis H. Lindley,
" Sigmund Greenebaum.

Absent: Com. A. B. Spreckels.

Minutes adopted.

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to the members of the Board, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, adopted as the minutes of the meeting held April 23rd, 1914.

Settlement of Hamilton Square matter postponed.

It having been agreed at the previous meeting of the Board that the question of turning over Hamilton Square as a whole to the Playground Commission would be taken up as a special order of business, the Secretary announced that he had notified representatives of the following Associations who were in favor of giving the Square to the Playground Commission: The California Federation of Women's Clubs; San Francisco Congress of Mothers' Clubs; Emerson School Mothers' Club; The North of Panhandle Improvement Assn; the Devisadero District Improvement Asen.; the Civic League of Improvement Clubs and the Playground Commission.

Those who were opposed to the proposition were: The West of Fillmore Street Improvement Club and the Fillmore Street Improvement Association.

A petition was received signed by one hundred and fifty two (152) residents and property owners living in the immediate vicinity of Hamilton Square, requesting that the Square be kept as it always has been, a cultivated public Park, under the jurisdiction of the Park

Commissioners.

A letter was received from the West of Fillmore Street Improvement Club requesting that action by the Park Commissioners be deferred until the Committee, appointed by the Civic League of Improvement Clubs, makes its recommendations and suggestions as the representatives of the Improvement Clubs surrounding Hamilton Square.

This was agreeable to the members of the Board, all of whom declared that they would not turn over Hamilton Square to the Playground Commission until the Board of Education removed the School building from off the Square.

Father Crowley, Commissioners Kortick and Regan of the Playground Commission declared that if the citizens in the neighborhood did not want a playground the Playground Commission would go elsewhere.

Action by the Board was deferred until the removal of the school building and the report of the Committee appointed by the Civic League of Federated Improvement Clubs was received.

Request to close South Drive.

From F. Rolandi, requesting permission to close the South Drive during the construction work on the 48th Avenue sewer. Secretary instructed to notify him that he must specifically state what he wants, the number of days required to keep the Drive closed and that he must file a bond or give a certified check that he would comply with the terms of his agreement.

Re. fur seals.

From Pres. Metson to Supt. McLaren introducing Dr. Evermann relative to taking care of some fur seals until the opening of the Exposition.

The Secretary was instructed to notify Dr. Evermann that the seals might be put in the pond surrounding the sloop "Gjoa" provided he would arrange for the cost of their feed.

Letter of thanks,

From Ettore Patrizi, of the Comitato Verdiano, thanking Supt. McLaren for his splendid and active co-operation in making the Verdi celebration in Golden Gate Park a memorable event.

Read and ordered filed.

Request for use of Stadium.

From the San Francisco Driving Club requesting permission to use the trotting track at the Stadium on Sunday, May 10th, 1914 with permission to have a band of music on that day.

Request granted.

Re. construction of walks on 13th and 14th Aves.

From the Richmond Central Improvement Club, requesting that the Park walks be constructed that adjoin the Presidio Parkway and along 13th and 14th Avenues.

This request was originally sent to the Board of Public Works and returned to the Improvement Club with a letter signed by the City Engineer wherein he informs the Club "That it is probable that sidewalks similar to those now existing in other portions of Golden Gate Park would be sufficient and that such sidewalks should be constructed by Park Commissioners as they have jurisdiction over the property".

Secretary instructed to notify the Improvement Club that the Park Commissioners have no jurisdiction outside of what is known as the property line of the Parkway, and refer them to the Board of Public Works.

Request for use of Stadium.

From the Jewish Athletic League requesting permission to hold a track and field meet at the Stadium, May 17th, 1914.

Request granted.

Letter of thanks.

From the Fruit and Flower Mission thanking the Superintendent of Parks, Mr. John McLaren, for the beautiful flowers sent them weekly which have given great pleasure to the sick to whom they were distributed.

Request for information.

From the Mayor's office with enclosure from Col. Wm. W. Hart, U. S. A., requesting information relative to Parks of San Francisco.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Buffalo arrives in Portland.

From the Department of Parks, Portland, Oregon, announcing the safe arrival of the buffalo and their pleasure upon receiving such a fine specimen.

Read and ordered filed.

Request to exchange birds and animals.

From the Park Department of the City of Denver, enclosing list of animals and birds which they have for exchange or for sale.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Offer of plants and palms.

From T. Lee, Supsrintendent of Grounds, Hotel Del Monte, stating that he has just received a consignment of plants and palms from the United States Department of Agriculture, more than he can find use for and offers them to Supt. McLaren.

Secretary instructed to thank Mr. Lee and inform him that the subject matter has been referred to Supt. McLaren.

Supt. McLaren's report for April.

The report of Supt. John McLaren for the month of April was read and recommendations adopted.

Report of Supt. La Rue.

Reports of May Day and the month of April were submitted by Supt. La Rue, and copies ordered sent to Commissioners.

Curator's report.

Report of Curator read and ordered filed.

Re. roadway from 36th Ave. to Lincoln Park.

A diagram of the proposed road from 36th Avenue and Clement Street to the Main Drive of Lincoln Park was submitted and certain changes recommended by Supt. McLaren approved.

5

The matter was referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary of Park Commissioners.

San Francisco, May 28th, 1914.

Meeting called.

Notices were sent to the Park Commissioners that a meeting of the Board would be held at their office Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, May 28th, 1914 at 3:30 P.M.

No quorum.

At that hour President Metson being absent, the Secretary called the meeting to order and it being evident that a quorum was not present, the meeting adjourned.

Secretary Park Commission.

San Francisco, June 4th, 1914.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, June 4th, at 3:30 P.M.

Present were: Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum,
Com. M. Earl Cummings.

Absent: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. Curtis H. Lindley.

Com. Spreckels, President protem.

Com. Greenebaum moved that Com. Spreckels be elected Chairman pro tem. Seconded by Com. Cummings, the motion being put by Secretary de Succa, was carried unanimously.

Minutes adopted.

A copy of the minutes of the previous meeting was sent to each Commissioner. The minutes were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried adopted as the minutes of the meeting held May 7th, 1914.

Re. adjourned meeting.

At a called meeting of the Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Thursday, May 28th, at 3:30 P.M., the Secretary called the meeting to order and it being evident that a quorum was not present, the meeting adjourned.

The action of the Secretary was approved.

Re. sewer pumping station at 48th Ave. & Fulton St.

From the City Engineer, M. M. O'Shaughnessy, with specifications for the construction of a sewer pumping station at 48th Avenue and Fulton Street.

The specifications were approved, provided that three(3) feet of soil cover the top of the station. This condition and the proper fulfillment of all the specifications were referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. improvement of Ocean Beach.

From D. M. King, Secretary Chamber of Commerce, with a copy of the picture of what the Beach would look like if improved according to the general plans proposed by the Park Commissioners. The Secretary was instructed to notify the Chamber of Commerce that the Board of Park Commissioners approve the proposed improvements on the Ocean Beach as shown in the picture sent to the Park Office.

Re. bust of Ludwig Van Beethoven.

From his Honor, Mayor James Rolph, Jr., Mayor of San Francisco, with enclosure from The Beethoven Meenner Cher of New York City offering to present to Golden Gate Park a bronze bust of Ludwig Van Beethoven. Dr. Magnus, the personal representative of the Society in San Francisco will give such full detail information as may be required.

The Secretary was instructed to inform Dr.Magnus, the Society and Mayor Rolph of the acceptance of the bust by the Park Commissioners and their appreciation of the offer. The location of a site has been placed in the hands of Com. Cummings.

Re. miniature railroad referred to Supt. McLaren.

From the Jeffrey Motor Car Company proposing to install and operate a miniature rail road at the Childrens Quarters and give the Park ten per cent. of the gross receipts.

Referred to Supt. McLaren for further particulars.

Request for entrance to Lincoln Park.

From the property owners and residents of the Richmond District petitioning the Park Commissioners to create and maintain a suitable roadway and entrance to Lincoln Park at the intersection of 36th Avenue and Clement Street.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

3

Board has no jurisdiction over land near Brighton Beach.

From Jas. P. Sweeney asking whether the Board of Park Commissioners have control of about four hundred (400) acres of land near Brighton Beach and if they desired to dospose of the same.

Secretary instructed to notify the gentleman that the Board has no jurisdiction over the said land.

Request to hold Gospel meeting denied.

From H. A. Cook, requesting for the "Brotherhood" of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, the Young Mens Christian Association and other Churches in this City permission to conduct a Gospel Meeting on the Ocean Beach.

The Secretary was instructed to notify Mr. Cook that such permission was clearly against the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco, which declares that the Parks and lands under the jurisdiction of the Park Commissioners may be used for recreation purposes only.

Re. plants for Consul of Switzerland.

From the Consul of Switzerland thanking the Superintendent and the members of the Board for the offer of plants and the shipment of the same, and requesting that the plants be kept for him until he makes arrangements for a permit to have them entered into Canada.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Thanks Board for flowers.

From Miss Thomas thanking the Park Commissioners for the beautiful orchids sent her upon her vist to San Francisco.

Read and ordered filed.

Request playground apparatus for Jefferson Square.

From the East of Fillmore Street Improvement Association requesting the installation of two swings, one slide and two Roman rings for the use of the childrens in the vicinity of Jefferson Square.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. watering of Alta Plaza.

From the Divisadero District Improvement Club complaining of the manner of watering the grassy slopes of Alta Plaza on the Scott Street side, which prevents little children from playing on the said slopes.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Check for wool

The Secretary reported the receipt of a check from Jos. W. Salz for three hundred and twenty five pounds of wool at $.19½ per pound amounting to $63.37.

Ordered filed.

Letter of thanks,

From A. G. Titus, Ex-President of Oklahoma Indian Territory Good Roads Association, thanking Supt. McLaren for the many courtesies shown him while on an official visit to San Francisco.

Ordered filed.

Request to play ball in Mission Park denied.

From Supervisor Ralph McLeren with enclosure from Herman Wisher requesting permission for the boys in the vicinity of Mission Park to play ball in the said Park from 6 to 7:30 o'clock P.M.

Permission refused on account of the objections from residents in the vicinity.

Re. fur seals.

From Barton W. Evermann, Director of the Academy of Science, expressing the appreciation of the Bureau of Fisheries of the Panama Pacific International Exposition for the Park Commissioners' kind offer to provide a place for the care of the fur seals until the opening of the Exposition.

He further states that Mr. H. I. Dunlap, Chief Agent for the Bureau authorizes him to state:

1. That the Bureau will pay all expenses of transfer from the railroad station, ferry, or boat to the Park and for food required for the seals.

2. That the Bureau will give the necessary instructions and suggestions to the attendant as to feeding and care.

3. That the Bureau, at the close of the Exposition, will donate two or more of the fur seals to the Park should they survive.

4. That the Bureau realizes the risk involved and will not hold the Park authorities responsible for the loss of any of the animals in any unpreventable way; it would only expect that all due care and diligence be used in their care. [illegible]

Re. Bunker Hill Day.

From Geo. W. Caswell of the Bunker Hill Assn. requesting the arrangement of appropriate exercises in commemoration of the Battle of Bunker Hill, June 17th.

Request granted and Secretary instructed to notify Prof. Chas. H. Cassasa to prepare suitable musical program to be played on that day.

Request for tennis court rules.

From B. S. Burdick, requesting copy of rules governing tennis courts.

Secretary instructed to inform him that rules are about to be printed and when ready for distribution a copy will be sent him.

Re. collision between auto truck and auto of Mr. Lewald.

A report from Supt. McLaren giving the versions of Messrs. A. L. Martin and W. H. Waldo of the collision between the motor car of Mr. Lewald and the Park auto truck.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. bridle path.

From W. H. King complaining that the bridle path is very hard and suggesting that it be put in better condition.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. dogs in public parks.

From Chief of Police D. A. White in which he acknowledges the receipt of a letter from the Park Commissioners enclosing a complaint from Mr. B. K. Buckle relative to dogs running loose in the City Parks.

Chief White reports that he has notified all his officers to enforce the law against dogs in the Parks unless fastened to and led by a chain or line not more than eight feet long.

Ordered filed.

Re. sanitary supplies.

From Francis H. Robinson, submitting a proposition to equip the public convenience stations under the control of the Park Commissioners with sanitary supplies.

Proposition declined.

Check for cement sacks received.

From the Standard Portland Cement Company forwarding a check for $59.20 being for 592 empty cement sacks returned, at ten cents apiece.

Ordered filed.

Request to establish Chinese Garden.

From Billy Chan Hock, petitioning the Park Board for the privilege of establishing a Chinese Village in Golden Gate Park, similar to the Japanese Tea Garden.

The subject matter of the petition was read and denied.

Re. ball playing in Balboa Park.

From the Balboa Improvement Club suggesting that a higher wire fence be built along San Jose Avenue in the vicinity of the dwellings, to protect their windows from being broken by those playing baseball in Balboa Park.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. rules for tennis court.

From Henry Smith requesting a copy of the rules governing tennis courts.

Secretary instructed to notify him that he will be sent a copy of the new rules when printed.

Re. individual drinking cups.

From Sanitary Products Company relative to supplying an order of drinking cups to the Childrens Quarters.

Referred to Supt. Mrs. La Rue.

Re. check from Academy of Science.

From the California Academy of Science with check for $941.79 being payment for material and Park labor used in digging a ditch leading from the Academy of Science building in Golden Gate Park to the sewer system on Fulton Street.

Secretary stated that the check had been signed by President Metson and himself and deposited to the credit of the Park Fund.

Re. swimming pool in Hamilton Sq.

From the Divisadero District Improvement Club stating that the Club refused to recind the former action of the Civic League of Improvement Clubs recommending a swimming tank in Hamilton Square.

Ordered filed.

Extension of time granted F. Rolandi.

From F. Rolandi requesting an extension of time to keep the South Drive closed because the Board of Public Works refuses to permit him to back fill the trench of the sewer or restore the pavement.

The Board granted him an extension of five days upon the recommendation of Supt. McLaren.

Endorse Ocean Beach Esplanade project.

From the North of Panhandle Improvement Club approving the Ocean Beach Esplanade as proposed by the Chamber of Commerce. They are, however, opposed to bonding the City for that purpose, believing it can be constructed in sections within seven years out of the Park appropriation, by expending $150,000. out of the said appropriations every year.

The Club disapproves the purchase of the United Railroads because they will become the property of the City in 1929 and this City is bonded him enough now, and needs all its financial strength to develop Hetch Hetchy water supply.

Ordered filed.

Rules for tennis courts, golf links and base ball fields

Supt. McLaren submitted rules and regulations to govern the tennis courts, base ball field and golf links all of which were adopted and referred to the Superintendent to have same printed, distributed and generally enforced.

Request for extra money on account of tennis courts in Buena Vista.

From C. Rouse who declares that in the grading for the tennis courts in Buena Vista Park he encountered hard clay and shale thereby making the work more expensive. He therefore asks to be allowed $340.

The Secretary was instructed to inform Mr. Rouse that such a payment would be illegal and that he will have to appeal to the Committee with whom he made the contract.

Supt. McLaren's report.

The report of Supt. McLaren for the month of May was read and recommendations adopted.

Supt. La Rue's report.

The report of Supt. La Rue for the month of May was received and read. Copies ordered sent to the members of the Board.

Report on milk and cream.

Report from the Department of Public Health reporting analysis of samples of milk and cream submitted by Supt. La Rue.

Report on water.

Report of the Department of Public Health showing the condition of Park water at several points in Golden Gate Park.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary of Park Commissioners.

San Francisco, June 18th, 1914.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, June 18th at 3:30 P.M.

Present were: Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum,
Com. M. Earl Cummings.

Absent were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. Curtis H. Lindley.

Com. Spreckels president pro tem.

Commissioner Cummings moved that Com. Spreckels be elected Chairman pro tem. The motion being put by the Secretary was carried unanimously.

Minutes adopted.

The minutes of the previous meeting, a copy of which was sent to each Commissioner, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, adopted as the minutes of the meeting held June 4th, 1914.

Co. girls playing baseball in Golden Gate Park.

Mrs. J. O. Levy, Past President and Miss Meyerstein, Secretary of the Juvenile Protective Association, being present were invited to address the members of the Board on the purpose of their visit.

Mrs. Levy stated that she called to protest against girls of 16 years of age and over, attired in bloomers, being permitted to play base ball on the Recreation Field just east of the Childrens Playground, because they practice under the direction of a male coach; indulge in rough play; do not preserve an appearance of propriety on the field; and playing this game is bad for the morals of both the girls and male spectators. This team of girls is preparing to meet a male team in 1915, and the Juvenile Protective Association therefore request that this team of girls be prohibited from playing baseball in Golden Gate Park.

#2

The matter was referred to Supt. McLaren with instructions to investigate and presuming that there is merit to the complaint, to draw up an ordinance prohibiting the girls from playing baseball in Golden Gate Park.

Re. transfer of money to Park Fund.

From Clerk of the Board of Supervisors stating that the Finance Committee is awaiting the request of the Board of Park Commissioners to transfer the money for the building of two convenience stations to the credit of the Park Fund.

The Secretary reported that he had sent a copy of the letter to Pres. Metson. It was moved, duly seconded and carried that the matter be left in the hands of President Metson.

Re. Bunker Hill Day.

From Prof. Chas. H. Cassasa stating that he had prepared a program for Bunker Hill Day celebration.

Read and filed.

Re. notice of Musicians' Picnic

From the Musicians' Mutual Protective Union, Local No. 6, requesting permission to have an announcement of their festival and picnic appear in the Golden Gate Park musical program.

Request granted, it being provided that but one line shall be used on the program for the announcement.

Re. fur seals.

From Barton W. Evermann, Director Academy of Science, thanking the Park Commissioners, on behalf of the United States Bureau of Fisheries, for their acceptance of the fur seals, stating that he would call on Supt. McLaren and confer with him relative to details.

Read and filed.

Re. Ocean Beach Esplanade.

From D. M. King, Secretary Chamber of Commerce, stating that the Chamber of Commerce was pleased to learn that the Board of Park Commissioners approve the general plans proposed for the Ocean Beach Esplanade, and that

#3

they prefer to feel that they are assisting the Park Commissioners to secure the improvement of the Ocean Beach which they have long urged.

Read and ordered filed.

Endorse Ocean Beach Esplanade.

From the Secretary of the San Francisco Labor Council, with enclosure relative to resolutions passed in favor of the proposed improvements on the Ocean Beach as suggested by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.

The resolution specifically declares that the endorsement of the plan must not be understood to include the approval of the proposed bond issue, which the Council is opposed to.

Read and filed.

Offer shelled peanuts for sale.

From F. Lingohr, 490 Geary Street, offering for sale fifteen hundred pounds of shelled peanuts for animal feed, price 3½ ¢ per pound, F.O.B. store.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Sum of $5,000. left Park Commission by Johanne A.E. Marx.

From Percy S. King, Attorney-at-law, Napa, Cal., stating that he is one of the executors of the last Will of Johanne Augusta Emily Marx, deceased, who died May 14, 1914. In her Will she left to the Park Commissioners the sum of $5,000.00 for "the general improvement and benefit of said Park".

Secretary instructed to acknowledge receipt of letter, thank Mr. King for his interest and express the wish that the estate will be of sufficient value to pay the $5,000. as it could be used to great advantage now or in the future.

Letter of thanks.

From Mrs. Kennett, Secretary Out Door Art League thanking Supt. McLaren for his kindness and good will in their work of improving Fairmount Park.

Read and filed.

#4

Re. Filarmonico Circolo Band playing in Parks.

From the Musicians' Mutual Protective Union, Local No. 6, protesting against the proposed concerts to be given by the "Filarmonico Circolo Band" in Washington Square, because there is not one man in that organization who depends upon music as a profession, but nevertheless are entering into competition with the Musicians' Union, to such an extent that they were forced to take the matter up with the San Francisco Labor Council, which has placed the Filarmonico Circolo Band on the "UNFAIR LIST".

A copy of this communication was sent to President Metson upon its receipt by the Secretary, therefore the Board took no action preferring to leave the matter in the hands of Pres. Metson.

Purchase of land not under jurisdiction of Park Commissioners.

From Charter Oak Avenue Extension and Improvement Club, enclosing resolution relative to the purchase of about two hundred acres of land in the southeastern part of the City for Park purposes.

Secretary instructed to send copy of resolutions to Board of Supervisors as the Board of Park Commissioners have no authority to purchase land for Park purposes.

Re. Improvement of 13th Avenue, referred to Supt. McLaren.

From the Point Lobos Improvement Club requesting that the small hill at the north end of 13th avenue adjoining Mountain Lake Park and the boulevard be put in the same condition as the new portion of the boulevard.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Letter of thanks.

From Geo. W. Caswell, Secretary Punk's Hill Assn., expressing their great appreciation of the patriotic action of the Park Commission in appropriately commemorating the great historical event of the battle of Bunker Hill.

Read and filed.

#5

Re. Grove of California trees.

From Miss Margaret Farrell, relative to a grove of California trees in Golden Gate Park to be known as the "John McLaren Grove of California Trees".

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. difiguring of "Portals of the Past."

From Mrs. H. A. Horne, relative to persons writing their names on the marble columns of the "Portals of the Past", and requesting that the said names be obliterated.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. life buoys on Beach.

From the Oceanside Improvement Club, relative to placing life buoys with lines attached in a box with glass front, same as fire alarm boxes, as a means of saving human lives.

Secretary instructed to send copy of letter to the United States Life Saving Station at the Ocean Beach.

Request for information re. Boat House.

From the Superintendent of Recreation, City of Oakland, seeking information relative to the operation of the Boat House, on Stow Lake.

Secretary requested to give information.

Re. Boat House.

From Jas. S. Maismith, seeking information relative to the operation of the Boat House, on Stow Lake.

Secretary instructed to forward information.

Offer to sell ostriches.

From the Producers Feather Company, offering to sell to the Park Commissioners a pair of ostriches, F.O.B. Gashion, Arizona, for $150.

Secretary instructed to inform the Company that we are not in the market for ostriches at present.

Plans for reservior at Lincoln Park, approved.

From City Engineer, M. M. O'Shaughnessy, with blue print of proposed reservoir in Lincoln Park.

Upon recommendation of Supt. McLaren the plans of the reservoir were approved by the Board and the Secretary instructed to so notify the City Engineer.

#6

Report on Water. From the Board of Public Health enclosing report on result of analysis of drinking water used in Golden Gate Park.

Ordered filed.

Curator's report. Report of Curator Geo. H. Barron for the month of May, 1914 read and ordered filed.

Adjourned. There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary of Park Commissioners.

San Francisco, July 9th, 1914.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, July 9th, 1914 at 3:30 P.M.

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. Curtis H. Lindley,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum.

President Metson in the Chair.

Minutes approved.

The minutes of the previous [illegible], copies of which were sent to the Commissioners, were upon motion duly made, seconded [illegible] as the minutes of the meeting held June 1[illegible]th, 1914.

Re. Dolores St. Center Parks.

From the Secretary, Board of Public Works, stating that by Resolution #31471, Second Series passed June 26th, 1914 by the Board of Supervisors, it is recommended that the jurisdiction of the [illegible] on Dolores Street be transferred to the jurisdiction of the Park Commissioners.

Ordered filed.

Re. glide road machine.

From the Glide Road Machine Co. [illegible] addressed to Pres. Metson, requesting that [illegible] of the glide machines as they would like to demonstrate that it will do more road work at less cost than [illegible] by any other method.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. account of Park Board.

From Thos. F. [illegible], [illegible] Auditor informing the Park Commissioners that the balance of $26,347.32 shown by Miss M. [illegible], Accountant of the Board of Park Commissioners, agrees with the Auditor's

accounts up to June 24th, 1914.

Ordered filed.

Re. Ocean Beach Esplanade.

From the Haight and Ashbury District Improvement Association stating that the Association was unanimously in favor of the plan of an esplanade such as was recently given publicity by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and also stating that the Club is opposed to the issue of bonds to build the Esplanade. The Club is unanimously opposed to any plan of building the Esplanade which would impair in the slightest degree the funds now under the control of the Park Commission.

Secretary instructed to return the thanks of the Park Commission for the sentiments expressed relative to the impairing of the present yearly appropriation allowed the Park Board.

Letter of thanks.

From the Fish and Game Commission giving thanks to the Park Board for allowing Mr. Dirks, their representative, to take quail eggs from Golden Gate Park.

Ordered filed.

Re. reservoir in Lincoln Park.

From City Engineer, M.M. O'Shaughnessy, acknowledging receipt of a letter from the Park Commission approving plans of reservoir in Lincoln Park submitted by the Board of Public Works.

Ordered filed.

Offer of deer accepted.

From H. M. Foye, Fort Bragg, offering a two year old deer to the Park.

By instructions received from Supt. McLaren the Secretary informed Mr. Foye that the Park Commission would accept the deer with thanks and pay all freight charges.

Action approved.

Re. bill against Board of Works.

From the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors informing the Park Board that a bill for $515.00 against the Board of Public Works in favor of the Park Commission

#3

for repairing damage done to the South Drive had been filed by the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors.

Ordered filed.

Re. Girls Base Ball Team.

From Manager California Bloomer Girls Base Ball Team in defence of the girls, protesting against the charge of "unseemly roughness", "unladylike actions" made by the ladies of the Juvenile Protective Association.

Upon the report of Supt. McLaren that he saw "no rough play or rowdyism, nor did I hear any bad language used", the Board took no further action than ordering the communication filed.

Re. use of Park water

From Wm. C. Hassler, Acting Health Officer, requesting the Park Commissioners to "discontinue the use of Park water and replace the service with Spring Valley water or install a tank and treat the water with chlorine in order to insure safety to the people at large".

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Request for swings.

From Balboa Improvement Club requesting some childrens' swings in Balboa Park.

Supt. McLaren instructed to furnish the swings.

Re. tennis rules.

From Secretary Park Commission, Louisville, Ky., requesting copy of our printed tennis rules.

Secretary instructed to send copy when printed.

Re. Ocean Beach Esplanade.

From West of Fillmore Street Improvement Club stating that the "Association as a body and individually will co-operate with you in any manner that will help press to a successful issue the construction of the proposed Esplanade", also copy of letter sent to the Chamber of Commerce endorsing the Beach Esplanade as proposed by them.

Ordered filed.

Request for photo of Francis Scott Key.

From Wm. Bailey, Secretary to the Mayor, with inclosure from Lewis H. Fraley, Mayor of Fredericks, Md.,

requesting a photograph of the Key Monument in Golden Gate Park as the citizens of that City intend to hold a Star Spangled Banner Centennial Celebration during the month of September. Francis Scott Key is buried in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery near that City.

Secretary stated he had sent an annual report containing the photograph requested.

To replace ground distrubed by construction of 48th Avenue sewer.

From City Engineer, M. M. O'Shaughnessy, to Supt. McLaren agreeing to replace the loam over all space disturbed during the construction of the sewerage pumping station at 48th Avenue and Fulton Street spreading additional loam to the depth of one foot and restore fences on condition that the Superintendent will perform the work of replanting such trees and shrubs as may be disturbed.

Agreement approved by board and referred to Superintendent to see that agreement is carried out.

Will not build miniature railroad in Park.

The Superintendent reported that he does not think the Miniature Railroad adapted for Golden Gate Park and would not advise duplicating it in Golden Gate Park.

Report approved.

Re. Cole Street crossing.

The advisability of closing the Cole Street crossing to vehicle traffic and diverting this traffic to Stanyan Street, paving the latter crossing with a modern pavement, was referred to Supt. McLaren who was instructed to report on the probable cost. As Cole Street is but two blocks east from the Stanyan Street crossing it was deemed unnecessary and very dangerous to citizens.

Supt. McLaren's report.

Supt. McLaren's report for the month of June was read and all recommendations approved.

Supt. La Rue's report.

Report of Acting Superintendent of the Childrens Playground was read and copies ordered sent to each member of the board.

#5

Re. Civic Center.

Blue print plans of the proposed Civic Center were inspected and considered; modifications being suggested the subject matter was referred to Pres. Metson, Com. Cummings and Supt. [illegible].

Letters of thanks ordered sent.

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent a letter of thanks was ordered sent to Mr. M. Greely for his generosity in loaning his car rails to the Park Commission for two months; also to Mr. A. E. Buckman, President Sunset Construction Company for the loan of twelve dump cars.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

[illegible]

Secretary [illegible]

San Francisco, July 23rd, 1914.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, held at their office Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, July 23rd, 1914 at 3:30 P.M.

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. M. Earl Cummings.

Absent were: Com. Curtis H. Lindley,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum.

Minuted adopted.

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to each Commissioner, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, adopted as the minutes of the meeting held July 9th, 1914.

Persian sheep accepted.

From W. W. Wright, Los Banos, California, informing the Park Board that he had shipped one male sheep, of the Persian breed, July 22nd, 1914, by Wells Fargo Express.

Secretary instructed to inform the gentleman that the sheep arrived safe and sound and to return him the sincere thanks of the members of the Park Commission.

Proposition re. portable bath houses on Beach denied.

From C.Delmas, suggesting made of convenience and privacy for the many women and children who indulge in the pleasure of wading in the surf, by a portable shelter structure that might be moved from time to time. To provide for the maintenance of the shelter, attendants, etc., he would ask that he be allowed to keep for sale articles that would be needed for the convenience of visitors.

Application denied as the Board did not approve of the proposition.

2

Letter of thanks.

From the Parkside Improvement Association, thanking the Park Commissioners for the swings lately erected in Taraval Square.

Ordered filed.

Request re. playing croquet referred to Supt. McLaren.

From B. P. Spiro, requesting that the use of a small area of ground a few hundred feet to the right of a small tunnell as it is approached from the Conservatory be allowed him and others that they might play croouet.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Request to sell ice cream denied.

From Mrs. C. Stevens requesting for herself and husband the privilege of selling ice cream at the Boat House in Golden Gate Park.

Application denied.

Re. sidewalks bordering on St. Mary's Square.

From Church & Clark, Contractors, who are putting down sidewalks on the south side of California Street between Kearny and Dupont Streets opposite St. Mary's Square asking the Park Commissioners to pay sixty five ($65.00) dollars ~~to pay~~ for a coping inside of the property line bordering the Square.

The Board of Park Commissioners informed Mr. Church that he should request the Board of Public Works to pay for the work.

Re. Hamilton Sq.

From H. K. Wolff, requesting that no action be taken relative to Hamilton Square until several persons whose names he furnished should be notified.

Secretary instructed to keep this order in mind.

Dolores St. center parks transferred to Park Commission.

From the Board of Public Works, stating that by Resolution No. 31,471, Second Series, passed July 26th, 1914 it was recommended that the Board of Supervisors transfer to the Park Commissioners the island Parks on Dolores Street south of Market Street which have not already been transferred.

Ordered filed.

3'

Wage of Journeymen Painters increased.

From District Council of Painters No. 8, with enclosure relative to the decision of the Board of Arbitration advancing the pay of the Journeymen Painters.

Secretary requested to notify the Council of Painters that their request had already been complied with, the increase taking effect July 1st, 1914.

Re. bust of Van Beethoven.

From Beethoven Maenner Chor by its President, Chas. Vonhof, acknowledging receipt of letter from Park Commissioners accepting the offer to present to the City of San Francisco a bronze bust of Ludwig Van Beethoven.

Ordered filed.

Letter of thanks.

From the Secretary of the Fourth of July Committee, expressing their appreciation of the Park Board's acceptance of their plans on Independence Day.

Ordered filed.

Re. poison oak in Presidio Pkwy.

From G. S. Durand requesting the removal of great quantities of poison oak that now flourishes in the Presidio Parkway.

Supt. McLaren reported that he is removing large quantities from different places each day.

Secretary to so notify Mr. Durand.

Re. individual service in convenience stations.

From the Individual Service Company stating that they are willing to put one of their vendors in one of the convenience stations on a thirty days trial at no cost to the Park Commissioners, except to charge for the goods actually used during the trial period.

Referred to Supt. McLaren who was instructed to have one installed, location to be subject to his judgment.

Re. crossings of Cole and Stanyan Streets.

Supt. McLaren having reported in favor of closing Cole Street between Oak and Fell Streets to vehicle traffic, as suggested by President Metson at a previous meeting, and having also reported in favor of paving the crossing of Stanyan Street between Oak and Fell Streets,

the Secretary was instructed to advertise for bids to pave the said crossing with asphalt, vitrified brick, creosoted wooden blocks and hardwood blocks.

Motion seconded by Com. Cummings and carried unanimously. The report of Supt was approved. Jds

Bids on electroliers for Mission Park received.

The following bids were received to furnish ten (10) electric standards for Mission Park.

THE TURNER COMPANY, submitted prices on three designs:

Design	#O- 243	Electric	standard	complete	$645.00
"	#S- 425	"	"	"	641.00
"	#S- 406	"	"	"	585.00
"	#1-1478	"	"	"	803.00

McFELL ELECTRIC CO., submitted the following bid:

10 Electric standards #O-243 complete						$598.00
Alternate #1 using Pacific States posts					#S- 425	595.00
"	#2	"	"	"	" #S- 406	535.00
"	#3	"	"	"	" #1-1475	818.00
"	#4	"	"	"	" #1-1478	718.00

THE RUDGEAR MERLE CO., submitted the following bid:

10 Standards as per specifications					each	70.00
10	"	"	blue print	#1	"	55.00
10	"	"	"	" #2	"	60.00
10	"	"	"	" #3	"	75.00

THE JOSHUA HENDY IRON WORKS, submitted the following:

10 Electric standards, complete net sum of $700.00

THE PACIFIC FIRE EXTINGUISHER CO., submitted the following bid:

5

Design	O- 243	Complete	$56.85 each
"	S- 425	"	56.50 "
"	S÷ 406	"	49.50 "
"	1-1478	"	73.00 "

Selection of lamps referred to Supt. McLaren and Com. Cummings.

There being two members of the Board absent the necessary four votes to award a contract could not be obtained. Com. Spreckels moved the selection of the electroliers be referred to Supt. McLaren and Com. Cummings to report at the next meeting, their selection being subject to the approval of the Board. Motion seconded by Com. Cummings and carried unanimously.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary of Park Commissioners

San Francisco, August 6th, 1914.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, August 6th, 1914 at 3:30 P.M.

Present were: Com. Curtis H. Lindley,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum,
Com. A. B. Spreckels.

Absent were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. M. Earl Cummings.

Com. Lindley president pro tem.

Com. Spreckels moved that Com. Lindley act as President pro tem. in the absence of Pres. Metson. The motion being put by the Secretary, was seconded by Com. Greenebaum and carried.

Minutes approved.

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to each Commissioner, were upon motion of Com. Spreckels, seconded by Com. Greenebaum, and adopted as the minutes of the meeting held July 23, 1914.

carried were J. de L.

Re. McKinnon Monument.

From Asst. Secretary McAtee to Mayor Rolph, transmitting by direction of His Honor the Mayor, copy of communication dated July 22nd, 1914 from a sub-Committee of the McKinnon Memorial Monument Committee, informing the members of the Park Board that he had fixed 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, July 28th, as the hour at which he will hear the views of this Committee.

McKinnon Monument matter to be considered at next meeting.

From His Honor, Mayor James Rolph, Jr., with enclosure from Wm. A. Kelly a member of the sub-committee of the McKinnon Memorial Monument Committee, requesting that Mayor Rolph communicate request to the Park Commissioners to take up the question of the McKinnon Monument at the meeting of August 6th, 1914.

Secretary instructed to notify the Mayor that in

consoquence of tho absence of Pres. Metson and Commissioner Cummings from the City the subject matter of his communication would be taken up at the meeting to be held Thursday, August 20th, 1914.

Protest re. McKinnon Monument.

From Mrs. Cuyler protesting against the placing of the McKinnon Memorial Monument in Golden Gate Park.

Ordered filed.

Re. Convention of Park Superintendents.

From the American Association of Park Superintendents who will meet in Newburgh, N.Y., and New York City in Convention August 24-25-26-27, 1914.

Ordered filed.

Letter of thanks.

From District Council of Painters No. 8 thanking the Park Commissioners for increasing the pay of the painters in accordance with the decision of the recent Board of Arbitration.

Ordered filed.

Re. sprinklers, referred to Supt. McLaren.

From D. N. Stanage relative to a patent sprinkling device that he has invented.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. girls playing base ball.

From the Juvenile Protective Association stating that the Manager of the Bloomer Girls Baseball Team and the newspapers had taken a wrong view of the protest made against the girls playing in the Park.

They stated that their object is to prevent another sensational occupation being added to the list already open to the girls.

Ordered filed.

Re. Annual Report.

From Mayor's Secretary thanking the Board of Park Commissioners for the Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1914.

Ordered filed.

Re. Dolores Street

From A. D. Fairgrieve, 1197 Dolores Street, requesting information as to when the island parks on

#3

Dolores Street between 24th and 25th Streets will be completed by planting the same with grass.

Secretary instructed to inform the gentleman that the said parks have not yet been turned over to the Park Commissioners.

Re. 19th Ave. entrance referred to Supt. McLaren.

From Fred W. Sawyer, Secretary Central Sunset Improvement Association, requesting that the Park Commissioners widen the Park entrance at 19th Avenue and remove the triangle piece of shrubbery formed by the roads at that point.

Superintendent instructed to comply with request.

Re. Cole and Stanyan Street crossings.

From Dr. C. D. Salfield, stating that the paving of Stanyan Street crossing with a modern pavement is "good!!! "; but that closing the Cole Street crossing to vehicle traffic is "Bad! Very! Extremely Bad!!! " He declares that the citizens want more crossings not less.

Ordered filed.

Collection of coins in Museum ordered returned to owner.

From J. H. Schulz stating that in the year 1902 he deposited as a loan in the Museum a collection of one hundred and twenty three (123) coins with former Curator A.E. Gray, who entered the loan in his books as a donation. Mr. Schulz asks to be permitted to withdraw the collection. Upon the report of Curator Barron that he had made an investigation which led him to conclude that the collection was a loan and not a donation, Com. Sprockels moved that the collection be returned to Mr. Schulz. Motion seconded by Com. Greenebaum and carried.

Re. Garfield and Bernal Squares.

From Chief of Police, D. A. White, stating that all officers on duty in the vicinity of Bernal and Garfield Squares have been instructed to pay attention to these parks and stop all acts of vandalism complained of.

Ordered filed.

#4

Offer of deer declined.

From E. E. Sparhawk relative to a pet deer three years old which he wishes to donate to the Park Commissioners. The Board declined the offer because it would cost too much to bring the animal from Ketchikan, Alaska to San Francisco.

Report on water.

The report of the Department of Public Health on condition of the drinking water throughout the Park received and referred to Supt. McLaren.

$1500. appropriated for coping on Stanyan Street.

From the Board of Supervisors calling attention to Resolution #11020, Second Series which reads as follows:

> RESOLVED, That the sum of fifteen hundred ($1500.) dollars be and the same is hereby set aside, appropriated and authorized to be expended by the Park Commission out of Budget Item No. 58, Fiscal year 1914-1915, for coping on Stanyan Street facing Golden Gate Park between Oak and Frederick Streets.
>
> Finally passed--Board of Superviaors, San Francisco, July 13, 1914.
>
> Approved, San Francisco, July 15th, 1914
>
> JAMES ROLPH, Jr., Mayor.

Referred to Superintendent McLaren.

Report of Supt. McLaren.

Report of Supt. McLaren for month of July, 1914 was read and approved and recommendations ordered carried out.

Report Childrens Quarters.

Report of Actin_ Superintendent of Childrens' Playground, Mrs. La Rue, showing gain of $1073.98. Copies ordered sent to each Commissioner.

Curator's report.

Report of Curator Barron read and filed.

Ro. bids for paving Stanyan Street crossing.

Bids were received and opened for the paving of the Stanyan Street crossing between Oak and Fell Streets.

The discovery of an omission in the advertisment, which should have excluded concrete work as well as grading, being called to the attention of Chairman Lindley, he ruled that all bids would have to be rejected and proposals re-advertised for. On motion of Com. Spreckels,

#5

seconded by Com. Greenebaum, ruling carried.

Re. award of contract for electroliers.

Four Commissioners not being present the contract for the electric standards for Mission Park was not awarded.

Adjourend.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to call of the President.

Secretary Park Commissioners.

San Francisco, August 20th, 1914.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, August 20th, 1914 at 3:30 P.M.

Present were: Pres. [illegible] H. Metson,
Com. A. [illegible] Spreckels,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum.

Absent Com. Curtis H. Lindley.

Minutes adopted.

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to the Commissioners, were upon motion of Com. Spreckels, seconded by Com. Cummings, and adopted as the minutes of the meeting held August 6th.

carried were J. de S.

Protest against closing Cole St. crossing to vehicle traffic.

A Committee from the Haight and Asbury Dist. Improvement Club, amongst whom were Mr. Schaernert, Mr. Allen and Mr. Sayers, appeared before the Board protesting against the closing of the Cole Street crossing to vehicles of all description. They claimed it would prove a great inconvenience to business men who would have to travel two blocks further west in order to cross the Stanyan Street crossing.

Pres. Metson informed the Committee that the argument in favor of closing the crossing [illegible] the protest against closing the same. [illegible] upon Fell and Oak Streets in the winter time off the Cole Street crossing was causing houses to [illegible] remain vacant and as the crossing was not a necessity it should be closed to vehicles but not to pedestrians in compliance with the wishes of a great majority of the property owners fronting the Panhandle.

Protest disallowed.

#2

Re. reduction of width of Stockton Street.

From the City Engineer to Supt. McLaren in which he states that on June 30th, 1914 his Honor, the Mayor approved Ordinance #2817 by which the sidewalk width on the westerly side of Stockton Street between Post and Geary Streets was reduced from fifteen to nine feet. This reduction in the width ofthe sidewalk will necessitate a change in the construction of the convenience station about the middle of the block and will require the movement of the vents near the curb line to just within the Park area.

This application was granted on the motion of Com. Sprecklels, seconded by Com. Greenebaum and carried, provided that four posts be removed as per recommendation of Supt. McLaren to whom the matter was referred.

RE. Civic Center.

From the Board of Supervisors enclosing copy of Resolution No. 10877 (New Series) which states that the sum of eight thousand one hundred and thirty six ($8136.) dollars be and the same is hereby set aside, appropriated and authorized to be expended out of the City Hall and Civic Center Bond Fund, Issue 1912 under the supervision of the Park Commissioners for the planting of trees, plants and shrubs and otherwise parking the Civic Center.

Ordered filed.

Application to install auto traction train and trailer in Park.

From Rollie B. Fogeol submitting a proposition to install an auto traction train and auto trailer for conveying the general public in and through the grounds of Golden Gate Park.

There being many objections to granting any further concessions in the Park by the members of the board, the application was withdrawn.

Re. blue prints of Park referred to Supt. McLaren.

From the secretary to his Honor the Mayor, with enclosure from Mrs. L. T. Kitts who declares she got lost on two different occasions in beautiful Golden Gate Park

#5

and therefore suggests that fair sized blue prints of the Park layout showing boulevards and walks with all points of interest, to be framed with a glass covering and placed on posts at intervals in the Park.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with instructions to consider the request.

Re. Convention of Park Superintendents.

From the Executive Committee, Association of Park Superintendents, announcing that the next Convention would be held at Newburg and New York City on August 24th, 1914.

Received too late to consider the advisability of sending Supt. McLaren to the Convention; ordered filed.

Re. entrance and exit signs, referred to Supt. McLaren.

From W. Morse, suggesting entrance and exit sign at the entrance of road to lake just west of the Buffalo Paddock off the North Drive; also entrance sign on road nearest town on east side and exit on west or Ocean side to prevent automobile accidents on the west side of the Lake.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Check for lambs received.

From J. Cerigdini a check for forty eight dollars and seventy five cents ($48.75) amt. for sale of fifteen lambs at three dollars and twenty five cents ($3.25) each.

Check ordered deposited in Treasury to credit of Park Fund.

Request for loan of painting now in Museum.

From Assistant Chief of the Department of Fine Arts of the P.P.I.E. requesting the loan of a litho-graph by Chas. Mahl in the Clay-Green Collection in the Park Memorial Museum.

Referred to Curator Farron who was instructed to obtain the consent of Mr. Clay Green. If consent is given the loan will be made under certain conditions guaranteeing its safe return.

#4

Application to install boot black stand, etc., denied.

From W. Williams requesting permission to install a small boot black stand, sanitary face towels, etc., in the men's lavatory at Union Square.

Application denied.

Monument to Francis Scott Key to be draped with Flag.

From W. T. Sadler suggesting that as an act of patriotism the monument of Francis Scott Key in Golden Gate Park, the author of "The Star Spangled Banner" be draped with the American Flag on September 14, 1914 in commemoration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the writing of the National Song.

Superintendent requested to comply with Mr. Sadler's suggestion.

Re. roque courts referred to Supt. McLaren.

From C. J. Evans requesting the Commissioners to consider an application to construct two modern roque courts in Golden Gate Park. This is said to be a scientific game for the masses instead of a special few and does not require special dress. There will be an International Roque Tournament at the Exposition next year.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Request to plant flower garden referred to Supt. McLaren.

From De Witt Knox asking permission to plant and maintain at the pleasure of the Board of Park Commissioners a flower garden on Lake Park abutting #756 Lake Street. This permission to include that portion of said Park immediately in the rear of #756 Lake Street and extend to a depth of fifteen (15) feet.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. electroliers for Mission Park.

The question of the selection of the electroliers for Mission Park was unanimously referred to President W. H. Metson.

#5

Bids for paving Stanyan Street crossing.

The following bids were received for the paving of the Stanyan Street croesing between Fell and Oak Streets:

Fay Improvement Co.	asphalt	$.05¾ sq.ft.
H. G. Vaughan	vitrified brick	.19 "
F. R. Ritchie	" "	.20 "
"	asphalt	.06 "
City St. Improvement Co.	"	.06¼ "
Universal Engineering Co.	creosoted wooden paving blocks	2.65 eq. yd.
J. G. Harney	Ohia paving blocks	.22 sq. ft.
J. H. Baxter	creosoted blocks	.20 "
Riasch Impr. Company	asphalt	.05½ "

Contract awarded

Com. Spreckels moved that the contract be awarded to the Raiech Improvement Company. Motion eeconded by Com. Greenebaum and carried by the following vote: Pres. Metson, Comr's. Spreckels, Cummings and Greenebaum.

To advertise for tennis courts.

The Secretary was inetructed to advertise for bids on 11,000 equare feet, more or less, bitumen for three tennis courts in Golden Gate Park.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary Park Commieeion.

San Francisco, September 10th, 1914.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, September 10th, 1914 at 4 P. M.

Present were: Com. [illegible] Sprechels,
Com. [illegible] Greenebaum,
Com. [illegible] Earl [illegible],

Absent were: Pres. [illegible],
Com. [illegible] H. [illegible].

President pro tem.

On motion of [illegible], [illegible] Greenebaum and carried, [illegible] Sprechels [illegible] Chairman pro tem.

Minutes adopted.

The minutes of [illegible], copies of which were sent [illegible] of Com. Greenebaum, [illegible] carried adopted as the [illegible] August 20th, 1914.

Re. permit to operate busses through Park.

Attorney [illegible] Motor Coach [illegible] addressed [illegible] mission for the said company [illegible] through Golden Gate Park and [illegible] same privilege enjoyed [illegible].

It was admitted [illegible] fifty persons [illegible] restricted the number [illegible] ed and carried that the [illegible] permit subject to the [illegible] ment to the Park Ordinance [illegible] to be carried from thirty [illegible].

[illegible] 21-22nd Ave. [illegible] trance.

From property [illegible] into Golden [illegible] between 21st and 22nd Avenue [illegible].

Referred to Supt. [illegible].

#2

Re. Danish Flag.

From his Honor, Mayor Jas. Rolph, Jr., with enclosure from Committee of Danish Citizens asking permission to have the Danish Flag on one of the masts opposite the Music Stand in Golden Gate Park on Sunday, Sept. 6th, 1914 as a larga number of Danish people would be at the Park having been attracted here by the laying of the corner stone of their building at the Panama Pacific Exposition Grounds on Saturday, September 5th, 1914.

Referred to Pres. Metson who consented to having the Danish Flag placed on the mast upon which the "Bear Flag" is usually raised.

Re. card of information for visitors.

From the Tourists' Association of Central California requesting permission to put up an attractive framed card for the information of visitors at the Beach Chalet, Childrens' Quarters, Japanese Tea Garden and Park Museum.

Secretary instructed to notify the Association to submit a sample of the card they propose to put up.

Re. sidewalk on Fulton Street.

From the Pt. Lobos Improvement Association enclosing copy of a letter sent the Board of Public Works, re. the removing of "the unsightly dirt and rubbish left by the Contractor on the south side of Fulton Street from Stanyan Street to 14th Avenue". They request "that the sidewalk now laid should be axtended to the fence line and that a full width sidewalk be laid on Fulton Street from 14th Avenue to the Great Highway". The Club also asks the assistance of the Board of Park Commissioners in promoting their demands on the Board of Public Works.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Sump at 48th Ave. to be used by Park.

From City Engineer O'Shaughnessy in answer to a letter from Supt. McLaren asking the City Engineer to have the sump used by Contractor Rolandi, while building the 48th Avenue sewer through the Park, left for use by

#3

the Park Commissioners.

The City Engineer states that he will be pleased to have the Contractor leave the sump provided the Superintendent will take all the responsibility of protecting this open well so that no damage will result to the sewer nor any accident to pedestrians.

Secretary instructed to write to the City Engineer accepting all the conditions.

Re. opening of road through Balboa Park.

From the City Street Improvement Company who are at present paving the Junipero Serra Boulevard, petitioning the Board of Park Commissioners to open the road through Balboa Park next to the right of way of the Southern Pacific Company, to general teaming for a period of sixty days to facilitate the reception of a large quantity ofmaterial to be shipped to the work which renders a side track accommodation inadequate for the business.

To relieve the congestion the Southern Pacific Co. has agreed to put a temporary siding on their right of way next to Balboa Park (as shown on map submitted) agreeing to replace the fence if the Park Board will temporarily open the road to general teaming.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Re. lamps for Mission Park.

From Mission Promotion Association requesting that the same style of lamp placed in Buena Vista Park be installed in Mission Park.

Secretary instructed to notify the Mission Promotion Assn. that the contract was awarded the lowest bidder.

Re. sanitary drinking faucet for Stadium.

From Mrs. Louis Hertz of the California Club, recommending that a sanitary drinking faucet be installed instead of the prohibited unsanitary drinking cup in the rear of the Stadium.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

#4

Check for empty cement sacks.

From the Standard Portland Cement Cor'p. forwarding a check for $64.65 in settlement for empty cement sacks instead of a credit memorandum returned.

Ordered filed.

Re. original vouchers for incidental expenses.

From Auditor Boyle requesting that the original vouchers as set forth in the bill of incidental expenses from each Department be attached to the Secretary's revolving fund demand on the Treasury.

By order of Pres. Metson this order has been complied with, duplicate copies of same being made and filed in the office of the Park Commission.

Re. tennis courts.

From Hon. James Rolph, Jr., with enclosure from "A Taxpayer" recommending tennis courts in Mt. Lake Park.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Com. Lindley summoned to Washington.

From Com. Curtis H. Lindley, to Pres. Metson informing him that he was summoned to Washington and that he would be absent two weeks and desired to be excused from attending meetings until his return.

Ordered filed.

Application for employment.

From Attorney F. W. Sawyer asking for employment in the Park for a destitute man named M. W. Galvin. This communication was addressed to Supt. McLaren who informed Mr. Sawyer that he could not give employment to Mr. Galvin; that it was the policy of the Park Board to retain men who had grown old in the Park service.

Re. auto tractor train.

From R. B. Fageol offering to sell to the Park Commission the auto tractor train on a self-paying basis. He will pay the Park Board ten per cent. (10%) of the gross receipts and place the net profits to the credit of the Park on the purchase price of three thousand ($3000. dollars and when the net profits cover the purchase price he will turn over the entire plant to the Park Commission.

Referred to next meeting.

#5

Re. transfer of fund for Civic Center.

From the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, stating that the sum of $8.136. can not be transferred from the Bond Fund to the Park Fund to defray the cost of parking, planting shrube, etc., in the Civic Center. The demands for the cost of this work must be sent to the Board of Public Works where they will be promptly audited and paid expeditiously.

Ordered filed.

Re. sheep for Park.

From the Secretary of the Fish and Game Commission regretting their inability to secure the sheep ordered from them for the Park this season. They promise to file a report with the Board in the near future, relative to their prospects of securing the sheep.

Ordered filed.

To dedicate cannon.

From Miss Kathryn L. Cole for the Pioneer Women of California, asking permission to dedicate the cannon in front of the Log Cabin in Golden Gate Park on Saturday, October 31st, 1914 at 2 P.M.

Permission granted.

Animals received from Australia.

From the Royal Zoological Society of New South Wales, Australia stating that they had shipped animals to the Park Commission in exchange for the buffaloes sent them some months ago. The Board instructed the Secretary to acknowledge receipt of animals and thank the Society for same.

Supt. McLaren wae instructed to obtain an exchange of birds with the Society subject to mutual agreement.

Re. Yolo County.

From the Woman's Improvement Club of Wintere, Yolo County, California, requesting information relative to laying out a block of land recently required for a public park.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

#6

Re. poison oak. From a number of property owners requesting the removal of poison oak plants from Mt. Lake Park.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. Page Fountains. A resolution was offered by Com. M. Earl Cummings that the gift of Mrs. Chas. R. Page of two beautiful fountaine to Golden Gate Park be accepted and that the Contractor Mr. Ettore N. Bernieri be notified of the accoptance and that a letter of thanks be sent to Mrs. Chas. R. Page.

Resumed 350 see page

Reeolution adopted.

Donation to Museum. Com. Cummings reported that he had received a medal commemorating the Centennial Anniversary of the birth of Samuel Colt from C.L.F. Robinson.

Curator Barron was instructed to receive the same and to thank the generoue donor.

Supt. McLaren's report. Report of Supt. McLaren for the month of August, 1914 was read and recommendations approved.

Ordered filed.

Curator's report. Report of Curator Barron for the month of August, 1914 read and ordered filed.

Re. Peace meeting. On motion of Com. Cummings, seconded and carried, the Peace Committee was given permission to use the Music Stand for a Peace Meeting Sunday, Sept. 20th, 1914. Prof. Cassasa to be instructed to act in harmony with Prof. Keogh of the Municipal Band.

Report on water. Report of the Board of Public Health on drinking water used in Park received and ordered filed.

Bids for tennis courts. The following bids were received for the construction of tennis courts in Golden Gate Park from:

City Street Improvement Co.	$.04-1/4 sq. foot
F. R. Ritchie	.03-8/10 "
The Fay Improvement Co.	.03-1/2 "

#7

Contract awarded.

The contract was awarded the lowest bidder- The Fay Improvement Company subject to the confirmation of the Board at the next meeting.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary of Park Commission

called meeting.

Minutes approved.

Re. parking of
Stockton Street.

2

Re. Cole Street crossing.

From [illegible] Brecl objecting to the proposed action [illegible] to close the Cole Street crossing through the Panhandle, stating that he owns thirty five thousand ([illegible]5,000.) dollars worth of property on Cole Street.

Protest ordered filed.

Re. granite copings of the Old City hall.

From Edith Anderson [illegible], M.D., suggesting "that the ornamental granite lamp posts [illegible] other [illegible] [illegible] the Old City Hall [illegible] sites".

Secretary [illegible] [illegible] suggestion [illegible] by there [illegible].

Contract awarded for lamp posts for Mission Park.

[illegible] ten [illegible] [illegible] President [illegible] [illegible] selection [illegible] contract [illegible] at $49.50 each [illegible] [illegible].

Re. Native Sons' Monument

[illegible] [illegible] "[illegible] [illegible]", [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible]

Re. "Kiddies' Day" by Indoor Yacht Club.

[illegible]

From Chief White
re. complaint re-
garding Lincoln Pk.

Re. Dolores St.
Parks.

Re. Col[illegible] Street
crossin[illegible].

Re. water service.

Re. wild white cattle of Caledonia.

[illegible]

Request to distribute programs at Stadium, granted

[illegible]

Re. enlarging the Recreation Field.

[illegible]

Rules and Ordinances Amended.

[illegible]

Complaint re. dumping.

[illegible]

Contract awarded for Stanyan Street crossing.

Contract for tennis courts awarded.

Re. Sweeney Panorama

Request for benches granted P.P.I.E.

Report of Supt. La Rue.

Adjourned.

San Francisco, October 8th, 1914.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, October 8th, 1914

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum,
Com. M. Earl Cummings.

Absent were: Com. Curtis H. Lindley
Com. A. B. Spreckels

Minutes adopted.

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to the Commissioners, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, were adopted as the minutes of the meeting held September 24, 1914.

Re. sale of cushion seats.

Mr. T. F. Ward appeared before the Board and spoke in favor of his proposition to furnish to the public who visit the Stadium, a cushion seat at a cost of five cents each for their use during the day.

This being considered a concession to which all the Commissioners are opposed, the proposition was rejected.

Mr. Ward's offer to sell to the Board two thousand five hundred (2500) cushion seats for three hundred and fifty ($350.) dollars was also rejected.

Re. area of parks.

From his Honor, Mayor James Rolph, Jr., with enclosure from Young Men's Gymnastic Club of New Orleans, La., requesting to know the total area of the public parks of San Francisco.

Secretary reported that he had forwarded the desired information.

Request for loam.

From the Board of Fire Commissioners requesting that two or three loads of loam be sent to the Jones Street Pumping Station between Clay and Sacramento Sts.

Secretary reported that the Superintendent had promised to send the loam.

Re. condemned hose for Boat House.

At the request of Mrs. Ohnimus of the Boat House concession, the Secretary sent to the Board of Fire Commissioners for five hundred (500) feet of condemned hose which was graciously allowed.

Secretary instructed to tender thanks of the Board.

Request for plants.

From Mrs. Marvin of the "Rest Home for Business Women" requesting the assistance of Supt. McLaren to arrange for the laying out of a garden at #510 Bryant Street where the City has given them a lot.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. wild white cattle.

From Mr. D. O. Lively, Live Stock Department of the P.P.I.E., stating that he is delighted with the prospects of securing wild white cattle and he has asked Mr. Grubb his Department Commissioner in Europe to inform him of the necessary steps to take to secure the animals.

Read and ordered filed.

Complaint re. comfort stations.

From Mr. O. Kooh a visitor to San Francisco, complaining of the lack of convenience stations in the public parks of San Francisco.

Referred to Secretary for answer.

Re. Hamilton Sq.

From the Playground Commission informing the Park Board that the temporary building in Hamilton Sq. has been removed.

They also desire information as to the attitude of the Park Commissioners regarding the transfer of the entire Square to the jurisdiction of the Playground Commission as they are ready to proceed with the development of the Hamilton Playground.

Secretary instructed to notify the Playground Commission that petitions for and against turning the square into a playground have been received from the property owners and they would have to be notified to

appear before the Board before final action would be taken and that would not be until all the members of the Board could be present.

Request for convenience station at 10th Avenue and Fulton St.

From E. D. Swift, #3414 Fulton Street who states that his neighbors requested him to petition the Board of Park Commissioners for some kind of a convenience station at 10th Avenue and Fulton Street.

Secretary instructed to inform him that it could not be done on account of the lack of funds.

Re. Resolution No. 11209 (New Series).

From the Board of Supervisors calling attention to Resolution No. 11209 (New Series) which reads as follows:

WHEREAS, by Ordinance No. 588 approved October 28th, 1902, there was set apart and dedicated for park purposes and placed under the control and management of the Park Commissioners, Lots. Nos. 15, 16, 17 and 18 in Block No. 8, as laid down and designated on a certain map, entitled "Map of Flint Tract Homestead" and

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works recommends that 15th Street, between Castro and Beaver Streets be widened to a uniform width of sixty four feet, and

WHEREAS, in order to widen the said street, it will be necessary to exchange certain real property on the southerly line of 15th Street for a portion of the property placed under the jurisdiction of the Park Commissioners as aforesaid.

NOWTHEREFORE, be it Resolved, that the Board of Park Commissioners be and it is hereby requested to express its consent to the transfer from the jurisdiction of said Board the property necessary for the widening of 15th Street, as herein specified, said property being described as follows, to wit:

COMMENCING at a point on the northeasterly line of 15th Street distant thereon 89.605 feet northwesterly from the first angle point westerly from Castro St. and running thence northwesterly along the said northeasterly line of 15th Street, 40 feet; thence at right angles northeasterly 50.935 feet; thence deflecting to the right 39° 32', 24.619 feet; thence deflecting to the right 96° 58', 35.331 feet; thence deflecting to the right 43° 30', 44.298 feet to the northeesterly line of 15th Street and the point of commencement.

Adopted, Board of Supervisors, San Francisco, Sept. 29, 1914. Ayes: Supervisors Bancroft, Deasy, Gallagher, Hayden, Hilmer, Hicks, Kortick, McCarthy, Murdock, Nelson, Nolan, Payot, Power, Suhr, Vogelsang, Walsh.

Absent: Supervisors Jennings, McLeran.

J. S. Dunnigan, Clerk.

Approved, San Francisco, Sept. 30, 1914.

James Rolph, Jr., Mayor.

On motion duly made, secondod and unanimously carried the Board of Park Commissionors agreed and expressed their consent to the transfer from the jurisdiction of the Board of Park Commissioners to the Board of Supervisors the property necessary for the widening of 15th Street as herein specified and Resolution No. 11209 (New Series) is approved and adopted by the Board of Park Commissioners.

Re. improvement of Stockton Street.

From the Civic Leaguo of Improvement Clubs and Associations desiring improvements on Stockton Street between Bush and Pine Streets. They ask that a center strip of this street be put in lawn with some shrubbery, same to be under the jurisdiction of the Park Commission.

As a previous communication received from the Chamber of Commerce asked that three blocks be parked the Board was in doubt as to what was wanted and therefore could not know what the additional expense might be, the Secretary was instructed to communicate with both parties and learn if it was one or three blocks they desire parked.

Re. Park Guide and Directory.

From the Mysell-Rollins Bank Note Co., stating that they have in mind the issuing of a Guide and Directory of Golden Gate Park containing maps, information and illustrations, the cost of which to be derived by them from such advertisements as they may obtain, to be sold for one cent a copy.

As this savors of a concession the Board denied the application.

#5

To plant the California poppy.

From Pacific Parlor No. 10, N.S.G.W., calling attention to the scarcity of the Eschscholtzia in Golden Gate Park. Supt. McLaren stated that at the proper time after the next rain, he would have poppy seeds scattered on all hill sides, ridges, vacant lots, and in the barren acreage of the Parks and the Secretary was instructed to notify all large holders of tracts of land or vacant lots and all large Real Estate firms that they could obtain seed from Supt. McLaren.

Re. enlargement of Base Ball Grds.

From H. B. Kennerson, 1276--7th Avenue, submitting a petition for the enlargement of the present Ball Grounds in the Park at Seventh Avenue.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Propose to rent comfort chairs at Beach.

From the International Comfort Chair Co., desiring the business of renting individual comfort chairs to the public at a small rental at the Ocean Beach giving the Park Commissioners ten per cent. of the gross receipts. A representative of the Company being present stated that it was decided to charge ten cents for a half day.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the proposition in detail be submitted in writing which will be considered at the next meeting of the Board.

Re. Central Fire Alarm Station in Jefferson Square.

From the Department of Public Works informing the Park Commissioners that the construction of the Fire Alarm Central Station, authorized by Ordinance No. 2732 necessitates the connection of the Fire Alarm Central Station with the conduits of the Telephone Co. at Octavia and Eddy Streets and Octavia and Golden Gate Avenue which means the construction of a conduit line north and south through Jefferson Square.

For this work they submit plans and specifications and ask that the Board approve the same.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

#6

Request sanitary drinking fountains.

From the Bernal Central Improvement Club asking for sanitary drinking fountains, a gang swing and waste cans, etc.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Sale of sheep.

From C. S. Marty, check for $25.05 for the sale to him of four lambs, two old rams and four old sheep.

Secretary reported that he had deposited the check in the City Treasury to the credit of the Park Fund.

To advertise for supplies.

The Secretary was authorized to advertise for bids for supplies for the fiscal year 1914-15.

Report of Supt. McLaren.

Report of Supt. McLaren for the month of September, 1914 was received. He states that it will cost six ($6.) dollars for water and forty ($40.) dollars for labor to maintain a strip of parking on Stockton Street between Bush and Sacramento Streets and that to build an additional Ball Field west of the present grounds would cost a total of four thousand three hundred and fifty ($4350.) dollars.

Pres. Metson declared that these expenditures would have to be considered by a full attendance of the Board.

Re. piece of old Hang Tree.

From Philip B. Bekeart to Pres. W. H. Metson enclosing a piece of the Old Hang Tree of Old Dry Diggins afterwards known as Hangtown and now Placerville, to be presented to the Park Museum. The first execution in California took place from the tree of which the specimen attached is a piece cut off in 1848.

Referred to Curator Barron with instructions to thank Mr. Bekeart.

Report of Supt. La Rue.

Report for the month of September, 1914 of Supt. La Rue of the Childrens Quarters was read and copies orderdd sent to the Commissioners.

#7

Curator's report.

Report of Curator Barron for September, 1914 read and ordered filed.

Report on water.

Report of the Board of Public Health on water used in Golden Gate Park was read and ordered filed.

Allan Knight's report.

A copy of the Report of Allan Knight, Expert Accountant was ordered placed on file.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the Chair.

Secretary-Park Commission.

San Francisco, October 22nd, 1914.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, October 22nd, at 3:30 P.M.

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. Curtis H. Lindley,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum.

Minutes adopted.

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to the Commissioners, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, adopted as the minutes of the meeting held October 8th, 1914.

Re. Father McKinnon Monument.

Attorney W. A. Kelly, representing the McKinnon Monument Committee, being present was invited to address the Board. He stated that he had been notified by the Secretary that all the members of the Board would be present at this meeting therefore he desired an opportunity to urge the Board to re-consider their previous action in rejecting the Father McKinnon Monument.

Pres. Metson informed Mr. Kelly that Father Duquaid and Col. Jas. Smith were considered the subject matter. Mr. Kelly not having heard of such consideration thanked the board and said he would await the conclusions of the gentlemen above mentioned.

Re. Hamilton Sq.

There appeared before the Board a large delegation of citizens including Mrs. [illegible] Secretary of the Playground Commission, interested in the settlement of the question of whether Hamilton Square should be retained by the Board of Park Commissioners or transferred to the Playground Commission as shown on the map on file in the office of the Playground Commis-

2

sion. All expressed their views on the subject and as there seemed to be no difference of opinion regarding the transfer of the whole of Hamilton Square to the Playground Commission provided a portion of each end and a strip on each side of the Square as shown on a certain map previously submitted and now on file in the office of the Playground Commission be retained for Park purposes, it was moved by Com. Lindley, seconded by Com. Spreckels and unanimously carried that the Secretary be instructed to request City and County Attorney Percy V. Long to draw up a resolution legally transferring the jurisdiction of the whole of Hamilton Square to the Playground Commission in accordance with the provisions of the af resaid map and plan submitted.

Re. Dolores Street ovals.

From L. B. Sibley submitting a bid to grade certain ovals on Dolores Street. The bid not having been called for by any order of the Board it was not considered.

Ordered filed.

Re. 19th Ave. entrance.

From the Central Sunset Improvement Club thanking the Commissioners for the prompt improvement of the entrance to the Park at 19th Avenue. They suggest that the entrance be widened to correspond with the width of 19th Avenue.

Read and ordered filed.

Re. shooting quail.

From Chief of Police White stating that a plain-clothes officer had been detailed to Lincoln Park during the mornings and evenings to prevent parties from shooting quail in the said Park of which complaint had been made to the Superintendent of Parks.

Read and filed.

Re. laboratory of Acadmey of Science.

From the California Academy of Science submitting a sketch of a building that will be suitable for the purpose of a detached laboratory in which exhibits for the new California Academy of Science Museum may be prepared.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. trees at Ferry Building.

From the Mayor's office with enclosure from Mr. H. H. Wright, Editor Panama Pacific International Exposition suggesting the idea of a "noted lecturer from the East" to have palms or pepper trees planted in green boxes and placed before the Ferry Building and at either end of the safety stations along Market Street during the Exposition thus giving the Easterners a suggestion of California upon their arrival in this City.

Read and ordered filed.

Request for tennis court in Hamilton Square.

From the Mayor's office with enclosure from Mr. A. Answorth requesting an additional tennis court in Hamilton Square.

Read and ordered filed.

Re. parking of Stockton Street.

From the Civic League of Improvement Clubs and Associations in answer to a request from the Park Commission as to whether they wanted one or three blocks parked on Stockton Street. The answer was that they only request that one block be parked on Stockton Street between Bush and Pine Streets. The League did not approve of the parking of said block and therefore rejected the proposition to maintain same.

Re. parking on Stockton Street.

From the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce in answer to a request from the Park Commissioners as to whether they want one or three blocks on Stockton Street parked. The answer was that they had modified their request and are now in harmony with the request

of the Civic League of Improvement Clubs that but one block be parked on Stockton Street between Bush and Pine Streets. The Board did not approve of the parking of the said block and therefore rejected the proposition to maintain same.

Re. garbage cans on Beach.

From the California Club, complaining of the condition of the Beach especially on Saturdays and Sundays and suggesting that people be told what garbage cans are for and suggest that policemen be detailed for that purpose.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. tablet on Sequoia referred to Com. Cummings.

From Sequoia Chapter, Daughters American Revolution who are exceedingly desirous of erecting a bronze tablet about ten by twenty eight inches to mark the Sequoia planted by them in Conservatory Valley in 1894. The tablet to face the driveway and bear the following inscription "Liberty Tree, Planted by Sequoia Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, April 19th, 1894."

Referred to Com. Cummings.

Re. pond in Mission Park.

From T. W. Hickey to Com. Lindley complaining of the pond or "lake" in Mission Park where children get their feet wet and in many instances fall into the pond. He recommends that the pond be filled in.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Report on water.

Report on water used for drinking purposes in Golden Gate Park received from the Board of Public Health read and ordered filed.

Bids for supplies.

The following bids for supplies for the fiscal year 1914-15 were received:

W. P. Fuller & Co.

350 gals. boiled oil	$.55 per gal.
3 tons white lead	6.43 per cwt.

5

R. N. Nason & Co.:

350 gals. boiled oil	$ .58 per gal.
3 tons white lead	.07 per lb.

Sherry Freitas Company:

7000 lbs. dry granulated sugar	.06-2/10 per lb.
4000 " cube sugar	.06-4/10 " "
1500 " butter	.30 " "

Pacific Hardware & Steel Co.:

60 kegs wire nails	2.50 base
350 gal. boiled oil	.62 per gal.
3 tons. white lead	.07½ per lb.
12 doz. shovels	8.75 per doz.
5 " spades	8.75 " "
5000 feet galvanized pipe 4"	37.22 per 0 ft.
7500 " " " 2"	12.27 " 0 ft.
2500 " " " 1½"	9.12 " 0 ft.
1500 " " " 1¼"	7.64 " 0 ft.

Scott Magner & Miller:

150 tons alfalfa	13.00 per ton
10 " wheat	[illegible] " "
75 " rolled barley	24.0 " "
100 " rolled oats	32.00 " "
7 " bran	23.00 " "
100 bales straw	.5[illegible] per bale

Smith Riddell Company:

150 tons alfalfa	11.[illegible] per ton

Contracts awarded. The following [illegible]:

W. P. Fuller & Co.:

550 gals. boiled oil	[illegible] .55 per gal.
3 tons white lead	6.43 per cwt.

Sherry Freitas Company:

7000 lbs. dry granulated [illegible]	.06-2/10 per lb.
4000 " cube sugar	.06-4/10 " "
1500 " butter	.30 " "

Pacific Hardware & Steel Co.:

12 doz.	Carter No. 2 shovels	$ 8.75 per doz.
5 "	D. handle spades	8.75 " "
5000 ft.	galvanized pipe 4"	37.22 per C ft.
7500 ft.	" " 2"	12.27 " C "
2500 ft.	" " 1½"	9.12 " C ft.
1500 ft.	" " 1¼"	7.64 " C "

Re. City Contracts. No contracts were awarded for alfalfa, wheat, rolled barley, rolled oats, bran, straw or wire nails as it was found the City Contracts were lower and the Superintendent was instructed to purchase these supplies by City Contract.

Re. Page Fountains. Commissioner Cummings moved that the resolution offered by him at the meeting of September 10, 1914 be rescinded and the following resolution adopted as a substitute:

A Resolution was offered by Com. M. Earl Cummings that the gift of Charles Page of five thousand ($5000.) dollars to Golden Gate Park to be expended by his Executors who elected to build two beautiful fountains, be accepted and that the Contractor Mr. Ettore N. Berniere be notified of the acceptance and that a letter of thanks be sent to the Executors of the Last Will of Charles Page for their very appropriate selection of the two beautiful fountains erected by them as a gift of Charles Page to Golden Gate Park.

Adjourned. There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary Park Commission.

San Francisco, November 5th, 1914.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, November 5, 1914 at 4 P.M.

Present were- Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. W. Earl Cummings,
Com. Edmund Greenebaum.

Absent: Com. Curtis H. Lindley.

Minutes approved.

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to the Commissioners, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, adopted as the minutes of the meeting held October 22nd, 1914.

Complaint re. Park facing Fulton Street.

From the Board of Public Works with enclosure from the Park-Richmond Improvement Club, complaining of the condition of the sidewalk on Fulton Street abutting Golden Gate Park and requesting that a bulkhead be constructed to prevent the sand and earth from drifting onto the sidewalk.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Re. Assn. of Park Superintendents.

From the American Association of Park Superintendents stating that "in order to assist in the financing of the Association, Park Boards and Commissioners are enrolled as sustaining members paying dues of ten ($10.) dollars per year."

Referred to Pres. Metson.

Re. wild white cattle.

From D. O. Lively, stating that correspondence is being carried on with the Earl of Tankerville, owner of the wild white cattle.

Ordered filed.

Re. Page Fountains.

From Chas. A. Page thanking the Secretary for copy of the Resolution adopted by the Park Board relative to the Page Fountains which he says, covers the point

relative to the donation.

Ordered filed.

Re. Dolores Street center parks.

[illegible] James [illegible], Jr., requesting a further [illegible] in the matter of the center park spaces on Dolores Street [illegible] by the [illegible] Superintendent of Parks relative to parking [illegible] spaces recently [illegible] jurisdiction of the Park Commission [illegible] conformity with the other [illegible] Street.

Secretary informed [illegible] Board that Superintendent McLaren [illegible] giving full particulars [illegible] vals. [illegible] Mission Pro[illegible] J. [illegible] Gartick.

Action approved.

Re. center parks on Dolores Street.

From the Clerk of [illegible] Supervisors [illegible] was directed by Supervisor [illegible], Chairman of the Committee on Streets, to request for the property owners the improvement of the park spaces on Dolores St.

See preceding paragraph.

Dolores Street center parks transferred to the jurisdiction of the Park Board.

From the Clerk of the [illegible] Supervisors transmitting copies of Ordinance [illegible] finally passed by the Board of [illegible], 1914 dedicating the park portions of [illegible] placing the [illegible] jurisdiction [illegible] Commissioners.

Bill No. 5270. [illegible]

and the same are placed under the exclusive control and management of the Park Commissioners.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Finally passed--Board of Supervisors, San Francisco, October 5th, 1914.

Ayes: Supervisors Bancroft, Deasy, Gallagher, Hayden, Hilmer, Hocks, Jennings, Kortick, McCarthy, McLaren, Murdock, Nelson, Nolan, Payot, Power, Suhr, Vogelsang, Walsh.

J. S. Dunnigan, Clerk.

Approved, San Francisco, October 6th, 1914.

James Rolph, Jr., Mayor.

Resolution ordered filed.

Re. Dolores St. center parks.

From his honor, Mayor James Rolph, Jr., requesting information relative to the number of park spaces already transferred to the Park Commissioners in which no planting has been done.

Information forwarded by Secretary.

Request for employment.

From Mr. Williamson asking for a position in the Park Museum.

Secretary directed to notify the gentleman that there is no vacancy at present in the Museum.

Dr. Ward to give marble benches to Exposition and Park.

From Dr. Florence N. Ward relative to some marble benches which she desires to loan to the Panama Pacific Exposition. These benches, when the Exposition closes, are to be given to Golden Gate Park.

Referred to Supt. McLaren, and Secretary instructed to inform Dr. Ward that her generous offer was accepted by the board with sincere thanks.

Re. marble benches gift of Dr. Ward.

From J. Tomaguini & Co. accepting an order for six benches tendering thanks and giving information that owing to the present European political situation they are compelled to make the said benches in Tokeen marble instead of Italian. In color and texture the Tokeen marble is the same as the Italian.

Referred to Pres. [illegible] and report at the next meeting.

-4-

Re. alterations in Union Square.

[illegible]

Re. Golf Club.

[illegible]

Re. Central Fire Alarm Station.

[illegible]

Re. poppy seeds.

[illegible]

Re. poppy seeds.

[illegible]

Request for information re. Band.

[illegible]

cation but each application would have to be considered separately. As yet no request has been received for the privilege mentioned.

Re. convenience station at 10th Ave. & Fulton St.

From Theresa Hildebrecht requesting that some provision for a convenience station for the carmen of the Municipal Railroad be made at 10th Avenue and Fulton Street.

Secretary instructed to send copy of letter to Chief White requesting him to detail an officer to abate the nuisance and notify Theresa Hildebrecht of action of the Board.

Re. rats near Playground.

From Mrs. E. Deutsch complaining against the presence of large, nasty rats which infest that part of Golden Gate Park near the Childrens Quarters and tennis courts.

Refered to Capt. McLaren with the request of Pres. Watson that he secure "Ratbane" a most effective poison.

Request to model in sand on Beach.

From Cassins Fontaine asking for permission to model in sand on the beach. He states that he has been engaged in this work for twenty six years and does not solicit contributions but spreads a sheet on the sand and receives what is freely given.

Referred to Capt. McLaren.

Offer of seed.

From E. Clifton, P.P.I.E. Commissioner from New Zealand, offering the seed of some of the native trees of New Zealand such as laurel, Christmas, cedar, etc.

Secretary instructed to notify him of the acceptance of the seed by the board and tender him the sincere thanks of the Commissioners.

Re. death of Col.
John C. Kirkpatrick.

Supt. McLaren's report.

Report of Supt. McLaren [illegible] of October, 1914 was read [illegible].

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the board the [illegible] adjourned subject to the call of the President.

[illegible]

[illegible]

San Francisco, November 19th, 1914.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, November 19th, 1914

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Com. A. B. Spreckels.

Absent: Com. Curtis H. Lindley.

Minutes adopted.

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to the Commissioners, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, adopted as the minutes of the meeting held November 5th, 1914.

Re Hamilton Sq.

Secretary de Succa reported that at the request of Mr. H. H. Hart, Assistant City Attorney, he called at his office at which time Mr. Hart explained that inasmuch as the Board of Park Commissioners transferred that portion of Hamilton Square lying west of the westerly line of Pierce Street if extended through Hamilton Square, by resolution adopted June 16th, 1911 to the Playground Commission, it would now become necessary to have the Playground Commission transfer the said montioned portion to the Park Commission. Then the Park Commission could transfer the whole of the Square as per motion adopted October 22nd, 1914.

After the above is carried out Mr. Hart will immediately draw up the agreement requested of him transferring the whole of Hamilton Square to the Playground Commission as per agreement between the Playground and Park Commissions and more fully shown on map submitted.

Secretary instructed to write to the Playground

#2

Commission as per instructions of the Assistant City Attorney.

Re. lack of convenience station at 10th Ave. and Fulton Street.

From Chief of Police relative to complaint of Theresa Hildebrecht recommending that a convenience station bo built at 10th Avenue and Fulton Street in consequence of unsanitary practices in that portion of the Park, immediately in the neighborhood of 10th Ave. and Fulton Street. A copy of Mrs. Hildebrecht's letter was referred to the Police Department with instructions to abate the nuisance.

Chief White forwarded a copy of a report made to him by Captain Jas. Kelly and Officer R. Tatham, in which they state that the complaint is unavoidable at present, owing to lack of convenience station at that point. Chief White states that the only action he is justified in taking is to warn the men, which he is doing.

Request to use Stadium for polo.

A Committee consisting of Lieut. Chaney, Lieut. Ord and Lieut. Corlett, representing the polo players among the officers at the Presidio, requesting the privilege of using theinner portion of the Stadium for polo practice.

Referred to Supt. McLaren who is to report at the next meeting relative to damage done to the lawn after a practice game.

Request to dump sand in Park.

From Theo. Hittell asking permission to dump sand in Golden Gate Park in the neighborhood of 22nd Avenue and Lincoln Way.

Request granted, subject to directions of Supt. McLaren.

Re. beautification of empty lots.

From the Board of Supervisors relative to the adoption of Resolution J.R. #1521 which delcares it "To be the utmost importance that the City of San Franciaco present a creditable appearance during the coming year

#3

and that so far as possible it shall be beautiful and attractive, etc., etc., Therefore the Board of Park Commissioners are asked to take general supervision and to assist and co-operate with the State Federation of Women's Clubs, by giving seeds and plants".

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. marble benches.

From G. Tomagnini & Co. in which they state that work on the marble benches will be started right away.

Ordered filed.

Request for buck deer.

From Dodge Sweeney & Co. with enclosure from Mrs. Horace Nelson, Half Moon Bay, requesting a buck deer for breeding purposes.

Referred to Supt. McLaren who is to give the deer under certain conditions to be imposed by him.

Request for Christmas tree.

From Miss Maude Lissak, Lafayette Kindergarten, requesting a Christmas tree such as is usually given the school each Christmas.

Superintendent instructed to comply with request.

Re. use of tennis courts by school children.

From anonymous correspondent complaining of school children using the Golden Gate Park Tennis Courts Saturday afternoons, Sundays and holidays notwithstanding the rules prohibiting them. The rule is violated at Alta Plaza also and as the rules seems to be interpreted to apply to school children under sixteen years of age the writer desires a ruling from the Park Commission as to just what is meant.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. rules governing tennis courts.

Petition signed by about sixty persons, requesting the Park Commissioners to look into the rules now in force at the Golden Gate Park Tennis Courts.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Request for medicinal plants, granted.

From the University of Washington, asking for the donation of any medicinal plants now in Golden Gate

3

Park for use in making additions to the small garden they now have.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. repairs at Union Square .

From City Engineer M. M. O'Shaughnessy, stating that some defects in the repairs to Union Sq. convenience station which had been called to his attention by a communication from the Park office would be remedied, as the contractor had been told to restore the work to a satisfactory condition.

Secretary instructed to thank the City Engineer.

Request for return of granite lamps.

From the Board of Public Works requesting the return of two granite lamp bases which were formerly a portion of the coping around the Old City Hall site, and given to the Park Commissioners but are now desired to replace damaged stones around the Hall of Records.

Request granted and removal referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. accident of Thos, Cannon.

From the Board of Supervisors acknowledging receipt of first report of accident, together with physician's certificate in case of Thos. Cannon.

Ordered filed.

Offer for sale of buffalo and elk.

From Bear River Realty Company stating that they have for sale six full blooded buffaloes and four buffaloes mixed with Galloway cows and fifty head of elk; all of which can be purchased at a very low figure.

Secretary instructed to notify the Company that the Board is not in the market for these animals at present.

Re. golf rules.

From the Lincoln Park Golf Club submitting fourteen rules and suggesting that an age limit of thirteen (13) years be placed on the caddies, and enclosure of letter sent the Chief of Police stating that it is the wish of the players that some consideration be given to the enforcement of proper decorum and observation of rules adopted by the Park Commissioners.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

5

Card of thanks.

From Mrs. John C. Kirkpatrick, tendering thanks for sympathy and flowers sent upon the death of her husband, Colonel John C. Kirkpatrick.

Ordered filed.

Re. brush shelters on Beach.

Three members of the Indoor Yacht Club attended the meeting of the Board to protest against the action of the police in removing a brush shelter that they had erected on the Ocean Beach as a protection from the sun and also as a wind break.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Report of Supt. La Rue.

Report of Supt. La Rue of the Childrens Playground for the month of October was read and copies ordered sent the Commissioners.

Curator's report.

Report of the Curator for the month of October read and ordered filed.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary-Park Commissioners.

San Francisco, December 1st, 1914.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, held at their office Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Tuesday, December 1st, 1914

Present were: Com. Curtis H. Lindley,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum.

Absent were: Com. M. Earl Cummings.
Pres. W. H. Metson.

Com. Lindley President pro tem.

On motion of Com. Spreckels, seconded by Com. Greenebaum, and carried, Commissioner Curtis H. Lindley was elected Acting President during the temporary absence of President W. H. Metson from the City.

Minutes adopted.

The minutes of the meeting held November 19th, copies of which were sent to each Commissioner, were upon motion duly made, seconded and carried adopted as the minutes of the meeting held November 19th, 1914.

Re. right of Board of Public Works on the Great Highway.

Acting President Lindley explained to the members of the Board that a question of authority had arisen between the Board of Public Works and Capt. McLaren, representing the Board of Park Commissioners, to wit:

The Board of Public Works had given the Fay Improvement Company permission to excavate on the Great Highway for a sewer without consulting the views of the Board of Park Commissioners. Pres. Metson, whose attention had first been called to this matter, referred it to Com. Lindley advising him to look into the situation with the view of determining what authority the Park Commissioners may have.

After a full investigation Com. Lindley submitted a written opinion on the right of the Board of Park Commissioners to be consulted and some guarantee given that

#2

the Board will not be at any expense in replacing the street in as good condition as before the excavation was made.

The following is a copy of Com. Lindley's letter:

San Francisco, Calif.,
December 1st, 1914.

To the Honorable
Board of Public Works,
City Hall,
San Francisco.

Gentlemen:

Under the Charter the City Parks and the "Great Highway" are under the exclusive control, management and direction of the Park Commissioners. It may be conceded that the construction of sewers for the general use of the city is a function of the Board of Public Works. But the Park Commission insists that before construction is commenced within any of the areas within its jurisdiction, the Board is entitled to be consulted as to routes, and particularly to enable proper arrangements to be made safeguarding the Park Commission from the necessity of restoring the land after excavations are made, out of its own funds, whereas such restoration should be provided for by either the contractor or the Board of Public Works, and proper undertaking given that after the work of construction is completed the land will be restored to its former state.

The Commission in the past has had serious difficulty in forcing contractors to restore the land, and unless the Commission is to be consulted before work of this character is started, the embarrassments of the situation will be seriously increased.

On Saturday last, the Fay Construction Company, claiming to have a permit from the Board of Public Works, entered upon the Great Highway, about the middle of the block between Fulton and Cabrillo Streets, and commenced excavation for a sewer. Neither the Board of Park Commissioners nor the Park Superintendent were consulted and when the Superintendent directed suspension of the work, mounted police were brought on to the ground to protect the contractor against the Park officials.

This is the first time within the recollection of any of the members of the present Park Board that any attempt has been made by the Board of Public Works to inaugurate work of this character without advising with the Park Commission, thus permitting it to arrange for safe-guarding its rights and protecting the park funds from liability.

The Park Commission is desirous of co-operating with the co-ordinate municipal boards in accomplishing necessary municipal undertakings, but it insists on its right to be consulted in the first instance, to the end that friction may be avoided and that each Board may be permitted to fulfill its obligations and duties to the city.

#5

We request that work on present sewer construction be suspended until such guarantees are given as will protect the Park from possible liability.

We will thank you to give this matter your immediate attention, conferring with Superintendent McLaren in this behalf who is authorized to represent this Board.

Respectfully,
Board of Park Commissioners,
By Curtis H. Lindley,
Acting President.

Upon motion of Com. Spreckels, seconded by Com. Greenebaum the views of Acting President Lindley as contained in the letter so submitted were unanimously approved and the Secretary instructed to send a copy to the Board of Public Works.

Offer of land in Bay View District accepted.

From the Board of Supervisors proferring certain lands in Bay View District for park purposes with full data and a map of the proposed park. The Board of Supervisors desire a report from the Park Commissioners relative to the feasibility and desirability of this project.

The map of the proposed park and a letter from Mr. F. T. Martin addressed to the Board of Supervisors were received, tendering, by the Crocker Estate Company, the Bay View Land Company and Mr. [illegible], several parcels of land in the Bay View District [illegible] seventeen acres to the City and County of San Francisco for public park purposes.

This proffer of land was submitted to Pres. Metson and by him referred to the members for their approval.

Pres. Metson sent a letter to [illegible] which was read at the meeting, [illegible] the acceptance of the land after a personal inspection of the [illegible] by himself and Supt. McLaren.

On motion of Com. Spreckels, [illegible] Greenebaum and carried the following letter was ordered sent to the Board of Supervisors:

#4

Park Lodge, December 2nd, 1914.

To the Honorable
Board of Supervisors,
San Francisco.

Gentlemen:

"At a meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held Tuesday, December 1st, 1914 the proffer of land for park purposes made to the City of San Francisco by the Crocker Estate Company, Bay View Company and Mr. Henry R. Crane in the Bay View District, and by your Honorable Board submitted to the Board of Park Commissioners requesting a report as "to the feasibility and desirability of the project", was considered.

I have been instructed by the Park Commissioners to state that after an examination of the site by Pres. Hetson and Supt. McLaren they have recommended that the Park Commission urge the Board of Supervisors to accept the proffer of the above named site, same being well adapted for park purposes under the conditions specified and very much needed in that neighborhood and can be made a fine addition to the Park System of the City. "

Re. injury received by Mr. John Cahill.

Secretary de Succa notified the members of the Board that his attention had been called by the Industrial Accident Commission and the Board of Supervisors to the case of John Cahill who had his thumb injured while employed as a derrick-man on the Ocean Beach. Mr. Cahill's thumb was fractured September 2nd, 1914, at which time it was set by a physician, he continued to work until Sept. 24th, 1914 when the work on which he was engaged was finished. It appears now that the bones were not properly set and that they will have to again be broken and reset, by which he will suffer a great financial loss.

The injury was not reported to the Secretary at the time, but was reported by Mr. Cahill to the Industrial Accident Commission after his discharge from the Park.

The Board of Supervisors request to be informed if the Park Commissioners intend to pay Mr. Cahill in accordance with the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Act.

The Secretary was instructed to submit the facts of this case to City and County Attorney Percy V. Long and

#5

ask him to advise this Board as to the extent of their liability in this case.

Bond of M. Ordell Severance.

From the New Amsterdam Casualty Company forwarding bond of Mrs. M. Ordell Severence, an employe of the Park Museum.

Referred to Pres. Metson.

Re. coping around Holly Park.

From the Holly Park Improvement Club, asking for information as to when the coping around Holly Park will be finished.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Request for use of bicycle track.

From the California Associated Cycling Clubs, asking for the Stadium Bicycle Track Sunday afternoon, December 27th, 1914.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Protest against railroad crossing Mission Park.

From Executive Committee of the Church Street Railroad Non-Assessment League, requesting the assistance of the Park Commissioners in favor of Plan No. 7 which provides for a cable on three blocks of Church Street to take the cars over the hill with an automatic grip that takes hold of the cable at the base of the hill and releases itself at the summit without any attention from anyone.

Mrs. Lynch, who presented the communication, spoke in favor of Plan No. 7 and against permitting Mission Park to be disfigured by a railroad.

The Board informed Mrs. Lynch that they would have to defer action until they are asked to permit a portion of Mission Park to be used for a railroad.

Request to lease portion of Balboa Park.

From Paul Cademartori who desires to lease about twenty acres of land in the northwest corner of Balboa Park to be used for truck gardening. He offers to pay fifteen ($15.) per acre per year for the lease.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

#6

Tape worm ticket accepted for Park Museum.

From G. W. Lyford, inclosing two election tickets, known as the Tape Worm Ticket and used at Vallejo, Solano County, California when Newton Booth was elected Governor.

Donation accepted and Secretary instructed to thank Mr. Lyford.

Re. Gateway to be erected by Mrs. Crawford W. Clarke.

From Mr. A. S. Baldwin, addressed to Pres. Metson in which he states that he is sending plans and perspective of a proposed gateway to be erected at the entrance of Arguello Boulevard in Golden Gate Park by Mrs. Crawford W. Clarke, in memory of her husband who derived much pleasure in his many visits to beautiful Golden Gate Park during his declining years. Mr. Baldwin states that Mrs. Clarke has much admiration for the present excellent administration.

Secretary instructed to thank Mrs. Clarke, through Mr. Baldwin, for her generous offer and kind expressions towards the present administration of Park affairs.

The plans and specifications were approved by Com. Cummings and unanimously adopted by the Park Board. The Secretary was instructed to notify the Architects, Bliss & Faville, to proceed with the work.

Report of Supt. McLaren.

Report of Supt. McLaren read and approved. Ordered filed.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary--Park Commissioners.

San Francisco December 17, 1914.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, December 17th, 1914

Were present: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. A. B. Spreckels
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum.
Absent Com. Curtis H. Lindley.

Com. Spreckels President pro tem.

On motion of Com. Greenebaum, seconded by Com. Cummings and carried Com. Spreckels was elected President pro tem. in the absence of Pres. Metson.

Minutes adopted.

The minutes of the previous meeting held December 1st, copies of which were sent to each Commissioner were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, adopted as the minutes of the meeting held December 1st, 1914.

Request for use of Park Band at exponse of Park Fund, denied.

City and County Auditor Thos. F. Boyle who was present representing the Press Club expressed a desire to have the Park Band under the leadership of Prof. Cassana and the Municipal Band under the leadership of Prof. Kough, joined or consolidated as one band on the occasion of the Christmas Eve festival in Portola Fountain, under the auspices of the San Francisco Press Club, the Park Band to be paid out of the Park Funds.

Chairman Spreckels informed Auditor Boyle that as the program was being arranged by a private club the board could not use public funds to pay for the music outside of the Park Commissioners jurisdiction and he thought the better way would be to solicit subscriptions toward which he had already contributed.

The request was denied.

#2

Re. convenience station Alamo Sq.

From the Clerk [illegible] Board of Supervisors to Pres. Metson requesting official action of the Park Commission upon the subject of construction or non-construction of convenience station at Alamo Square.

Action postponed.

To prepare list of employees.

From the Board of Supervisors with notice of the adoption of a Resolution providing that all Departments of the Municipality [illegible] list within ten days of all employees in their respective departments itemized as follows: Civil Service employees, non-civil service employees, their age, compensation, residence, date of employment by the City, [illegible] continuous or not and the total [illegible] City.

Secretary [illegible] prepared.

President Metson arrived.

At this time Pres. [illegible] the Chairmanship.

Re. Cocos Palms loaned P.P.I.E.

From [illegible] Panama Pacific Internat[illegible] the removal of the [illegible] the grounds of the P.P.I.E., [illegible] agreement to be signed by Pres. [illegible]

Referred to Pres. [illegible]

Re. paying Park employees before Christmas.

From [illegible] County of San Francisco, [illegible] to the arrangement [illegible] Clerks [illegible] paid before Christmas Day.

The Secretary [illegible]

#3

accordingly. This could not be done in consequence of Pres. Metson's objection to signing labor demands for the monthly employees for time they had not worked. The monthly employees will consequently have to wait for their money until after the holidays.

Re. sewer on Great Highway.

From the Board of Public Works acknowledging receipt of a communication from Acting President Curtis H. Lindley requesting that provisions be made against the necessity of the restoration of the Great Highway and adjacent streets which are being excavated for sewer installation, at the expense of the Park Commission.

Upon this information the Board of Public Works approved Resolution No. 74,729, Second Series by which a guarantee demanded by the Park Commissioners is warranted by the Board of Public Works, which reads as follows:

"WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works has granted permission to the Fay Improvement Company to install sewers and appurtenances, under private contract, in the following streets:-

The Great Highway, between Anza and Fulton Sts.. Crossings of the Great Highway with Balboa and Cabrillo Streets;
Cabrillo Street, between LaPlaya and the Great Highway;
Balboa Street between LaPlaya and the Great Highway; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Park Commissioners under date of December 1, 1914 has requested that proper arrangements be made to safeguard the Park Commission from the necessity of restoring with Park Funds the land under its jurisdiction, after excavations have been made therein, and that sufficient guarantee be given that such restoration will be provided for either by the Board of Public Works or the contractor, so that the Park Commission will be protected from possible liability;

RESOLVED: that the Board of Public Works hereby agrees that it will guarantee to the Park Commission that any and all portions of the streets herein described which will be disturbed during the installation of sewers and appurtenances therein by the Fay Improvement Company, will be restored to proper condition and to a state satisfactory to the Park Commission at as early a date as practicable."

This guarantee was approved, the Board of Public Works so notified and guarantee filed.

#4

Re. marble benches gift of Dr. Ward.

From H. D. [illegible] Cornick, Director of Works, P.P.I.E., informing the [illegible] of the Park Commission that at a meeting of the Buildings and Grounds Committee the offer of Dr. Florence [illegible] Ward of six Italian marble benches was accepted by the Exposition Company and requesting to know when the benches will be ready for delivery so that he may be prepared to receive them.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Protest against railway crossing the Park.

From Zoeth Eldredge "[illegible] against the crossing of the Park at 10th Avenue by an open cut, the points where the roads cross [illegible] bridged".

No permit to cross the Park [illegible] railway having been asked for the protest was [illegible].

Re. shelter station at 7th Avenue and Lincoln Way.

From the Board of Supervisors [illegible] that the Board of Public Works [illegible] of construction of a shelter [illegible] Lincoln Way for [illegible] the Relief Home Bus. [illegible] an appropriation to build [illegible] to erect the same is [illegible].

Referred to Supt. [illegible].

Re. "Insurance Week" at the Exposition.

From Mr. Garner [illegible] World's Insurance Congress [illegible] Metson with [illegible] "Insurance Week" [illegible] P.P.I.E. [illegible] the appointment [illegible] the Park [illegible] ance Committee "[illegible] will [illegible] [illegible]".

Referred to Pres. [illegible].

Re. openings into Park.

From Sunset [illegible] [illegible] suggesting [illegible] left open for pedestrian [illegible] P[illegible] [illegible] Avenues.

Referred to Supt. [illegible]

#5

Request for information re. golf links.

From the Board of Park Commissioners, Rochester, N.Y., relative to number of acres in Park System Golf Links, how maintained, cost of maintenance and betterments for the years 1913-14.

Secretary stated he had answered the letter.

Re. closing of 19th Ave. entrance.

From the Central Sunset Improvement Club stating that they had been informed that the Park Board had closed or was about to close 19th Avenue Entrance to the Park by Richmond District to teams.

Secretary instructed to notify the Club that nothing of the kind was contemplated.

Re. insurance policies.

From Rudolph Herold, Jr., with enclosures being renewals of three policies expiring December 24th, 1914 covering four paintings of the Keith Collection, property of Mrs. M. A. Harmon, and exhibited in the Park Museum Art Gallery. Amount of Insurance $25,750.00 Premium $178.10.

Referred to Pres. Metson.

Re. convenience station Union Sq.

From the Board of Public Works enclosing communication received by the Board of Public Works from the City Engineer relative to conditions in the convenience station at Union Square. The City Engineer informs the Board of Works that orders have been given that repairs be made by the contractor where he caused damage when narrowing the sidewalk on Stockton Street and that payment be held up until the work proved satisfactory.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. Hamilton Sq.

From the City and County Attorney Percy S. Long stating that in the matter of the transfer of Hamilton Square to the Playground Commission he had advised that Commission that no resolution of the board of supervisors is necessary to make valid the transfer of that property from the Park Commission to the Playground Commission.

#6

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Playground Commission and request that they by resolution return the westerly end of Hamilton Square transferred to them June 16th, 1911, to the Park Commission after which the Park Board will transfer the whole of the Square to the jurisdiction of the Playground Commission with the reservation [illegible] specified portion be reserved [illegible] purposes.

Re. Dolores Street parks.

From the [illegible] Valley Promotion Association requesting information as to [illegible] and grass would be planted in the island [illegible] Dolores Street between 24th and 25th Streets.

Referred to Supt. [illegible]

Check for deer.

From Horace [illegible] ten ($10.[illegible]) [illegible] address.

Secretary stated that he [illegible] and deposited to credit [illegible].

Re. vacant lot.

[illegible]

[illegible]

Re. cutting trees in Panhandle.

From [illegible] Assn. complaining [illegible] trees [illegible]

Referred [illegible]

Re. abolishing sidewalks around Union Square.

[illegible] Law will be held Wednesday, [illegible] #616 City Hall, [illegible] the sidewalk [illegible]

A copy of this letter was sent to Pres. Metson previous to the conference but he stated he was unable to attend.

The Park Commissioners went on record as being opposed to abolishing the said sidewalks.

Re. Crawford W. Clarke Gateway.

The blue print of the inscription to be placed on the Crawford W. Clarke Memorial Gateway was approved upon the recommendation of Com. Cummings to whom it had been referred.

The Secretary was instructed to notify the Architects of its acceptance and notify them to proceed with the work.

Re. I.Y.C. festival in Union Sq.

The question of permission for a carnival to be held in Union Square under the auspices of the Indoor Yacht Club was referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Report on water.

Report from the Department of Public Health on drinking water in the Park was received and filed.

Report Childrens Quarters.

Report for the month of November, 1914 of receipts and expenditures of the Childrens Quarters was received and copies ordered sent each Commissioner.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary-Park Commission.

A copy of this letter was sent to Pres. Hotson previous to the conference but he stated he was unable to attend.

The Park Commissioners went on record as being opposed to abolishing the said sidewalks.

Re. Crawford W. Clarke Gateway.

The blue print of the inscription to be placed on the Crawford W. Clarke Memorial Gateway was approved upon the recommendation of Com. Cummings to whom it had been referred.

The Secretary was instructed to notify the Architects of its acceptance and notify them to proceed with the work.

Re. I.Y.C. festival in Union Sq.

The question of permission for a carnival to be held in Union Square under the auspices of the Indoor Yacht Club was referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Report on water.

Report from the Department of Public Health on drinking water in the Park was received and filed.

Report Childrens Quarters.

Report for the month of November, 1914 of receipts and expenditures of the Childrens Quarters was received [illegible] copies ordered sent each Commissioner.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the [illegible] the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary-Pkg. Commission.

San Francisco, January 7th, 1915.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, January 7th, 1915 at 4 P.M.,

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum,
Com. A. B. Spreckels
Absent Com. Curtis H. Lindley.

Secretary pro tem.

In the absence of Secretary de Succa, on account of illness, M. B. Fairman was unanimously appointed Secretary pro tem.

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to each Commissioner, were upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, adopted as the minutes of the meeting held December 17th, 1914.

Re. beautifying Clement St.

A delegation from the Richmond Womens' Club appeared before the meeting to enlist the services of the Commission in securing to the Club a surplus two thousand ($2000.) dollars left from an appropriation granted them by the Supervisors. With this amount they wish to beautify and improve the street from 33rd Ave. to 38th Avenue on Clement Street by planting a strip on each side of a six foot sidewalk with grass and trees.

As the Commission has no power to secure the surplus two thousand ($2000.) dollars, that power being entirely vested in the Supervisors, it was moved and seconded that the matter of beautifying the street be referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Re. improvement of Parkside.

A delegation from the Parkside Improvement Association appeared requesting that the Square in Parkside be improved still further especially on Taraval

#2

Street side where it was desired a terrace effect should be produced.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. insurance.

Communication regarding the re-insurance of paintings of Wm. Keith in the Park Museum was referred to Pres. Metson.

Re. filtration plant.

From the Panama Pacific International Exposition requesting permission to install a complete filtration plant in Golden Gate Park.

Moved, seconded and carried unanimously that permission be granted with the proviso that at the termination of the Exposition the plant with all its improvements, pipe connections and appurtenances shall become the property of the Park Commission.

Upon such agreement being signed the Superintendent was instructed to issue the desired permit.

Re. appropriation for McKinley Sq.

Resolution from the Board of Supervisors which reads as follows:

"Resolution No. 11389. (New Series).

RESOLVED, That the sum of thirty five hundred (3500) dollars be and the same is hereby set aside, appropriated and transferred to the credit of the Park Fund out of "FOR PAVING, RE-PAVING, REPAIRS TO STREETS ETC." BUDGET ITEM No. 58, FISCAL YEAR 1914-15 (Special Item, "Improvement of McKinley Square"); same to be expended by the Park Commission for the improvement of McKinley Square.

Finally passed--Board of Supervisors, San Francisco, December 14, 1914.
Ayes: Supervisors Bancroft, Deasy, Gallagher, Hayden, Hilmer, Hocks, Jennings, Kortick, McCarthy, Murdock, Nolan, Payot, Suhr, Vogelsang, Walsh.
Absent: Supervisors McLeran, Nelson, Power.

J. S. Dunnigan, Clerk.
Approved, San Francisco, December 15, 1914.

James Rolph, Jr.,
Mayor."

#3

The Secretary was instructed to inform the Board of Supervisors that the Park Commission accepted the appropriation with thanks.

Re. Granite cleaner. From Geo. M. Buskey relative to granite cleaner.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. photos of birds. From the University of California requesting permission to land on the islands of Stow Lake in order to take photographs of the ducks on the Lake, such photographs to be used in a work on the game birds of California.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with power to act.

Re. golden beavers. From H. C. Bryant, Game Expert of University of California regarding golden beavers on Cache Slough, Sacramento Valley, being driven out of existenco on account of reclamations and offering to send one or more pairs to the Park so that the species will continue.

Moved and seconded that the offer be accepted and the Superintendent directed to act in the matter.

Request for ivy. A roquest from the Mendocino State Hospital, Talmage, California, for two hundred (200) Boston ivy slips.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with power to act.

Re. Bloomer Girls. From A. Hammer, Mgr. Bloomer Girls Baseball Club, requesting permission to practice in the Park during January and February.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. Motor Vehicle Act. From the Board of Supervisors quoting a letter concerning the Motor Vehicle Act wherein it is stated that the Attorney General has ruled that all Municipally owned motor vehicles with the exception of the Police

and Fire Departments are subject to the Motor Vehicle Act.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Board of Supervisors receive thanks for the information and be informed that Supt. McLaren has been instructed to conform to the law in the case of Park automobile and truck.

Re. manure for School grounds.

From Hon. Geo. E. Gallagher, President Board of Education, requesting that six loads of manure dressing be sent to the Hamilton School.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with power to act.

Re. Great Highway and Union Square.

From the Board of Public Works acknowledging receipt of communications relating to sewer construction in the Great Highway and to the proposal to abolish sidewalk widths on the frontages of Union Square.

Communication ordered filed.

Re. lighting of Union Square.

From the Board of Supervisors relative to installing six single globe electroliers in Union Square similar to the ones on Buena Vista Ave., south of Haight Street.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with power to act.

Re. Union Square.

The following resolution was received from the Board of Supervisors:

J.R. NO. 1604.

"RESOLVED, That the Pacific Gas and Electric Company is hereby instructed to install and maintain eight 750 Watt electroliers in Union Square at locations to be designated by the Board of Park Commissioners, provided, that the City and County of San Francisco shall be at no expense for the installation, maintenance and operation of said electroliers prior to July 1st, 1915."

Referred to Supt. McLaren with power to act.

#5

Re. accident of Museum employe.

From the Industrial Accident Commission in regard to the accident to Mrs. Speck an employe of the Park Museum.

Moved, seconded and carried that the action of Pres. Metson in the matter be endorsed.

Re. accident of John Cahill.

From the Board of Supervisors regarding final report on accident of John Cahill, Park employe.

Referred to the Secretary.

Re. aquarium.

From the Cleveland Aquarium Association requesting any information that would be of service to them in a contemplated aquarium to be installed in Cleveland.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. Park Gates.

From Bliss & Faville, Architects, requesting information as to any precedent they could follow in securing a permit to erect the Park Gates. As it is not necessary to secure a permit from the Board of Works to erect a structure in the Park the full power being vested in the Park Commission, it was moved, seconded and carried that the permission be granted and the permit be accorded Messrs. Bliss & Faville to erect the Park Gates.

Re. Conference.

A program of the First Conference of San Francisco Boys' Workers received and ordered filed.

Request for deer.

From the Park Commission of San Deigo requesting two male deer.

Moved, seconded and carried that request be granted.

Supt. McLaren's report.

Report of Supt. McLaren for month of December, 1914 read and recommendations adopted.

Curator's report.

Curator Barron's report for the month of December, 1914 read and ordered filed.

#6

Supt. La Rue's report.

Report of receipts and expenditures of the Childrens Quarters during tho month of December, 1914 considered and copies ordered sent the Commissioners.

Ro. exhibition room for local artists.

Commissioner Cummings addressed the meeting on behalf of the artists of California, who desired that two rooms in the Park Museum be set aside exclusively for the exhibition of the works of local artists.

Moved, seconded and carried unanimously that the request be granted.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Commission the meeting adjourned.

W. B. Fanning

Acting Secretary of the Park Commissioners.

391 3

San Francisco, January 23rd, 1915.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held in the office of Pres. W.H. Metson, Balboa Building, Saturday, January 23rd, 1915 at 11:45 A.M.,

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum.

Absent were: Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. Curtis H. Lindley.

Sigmund Greenebaum re-appointed Commissioner.

The first order of business was the acceptance of the credentials of Com. Sigmund Greenebaum, re-appointed by his Honor, Mayor James Rolph, Jr., to succeed himself, term expired for a term of four (4) years to take effect on and after the eighth day of January, 1915.

Pres. Metson spoke in high praise of Com. Greenebaum's services as a Park Commissioner and congratulated him on behalf of the Commissioners present and absent on his re-appointment. The credentials were ordered spread in full on the minutes of the Board.

Minutes adopted.

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to each Commissioner, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, adopted as the minutes of the meeting held January 7th, 1915.

Request to operate auto on Beach.

From H. J. Reandean, 236 Powell Street, soliciting a permit from the Board to "run cars like the one of the reverse side of postal card from the Cliff House to Murray's, the charge for such ride to be ten cents per passenger."

Secretary instructed to notify the gentleman that it is against the policy of the present Board to grant concessions of any kind in the Park.

Matter referred to Supt. McLaren.

THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME; GREETING:

Reposing special confidence in the fidelity and ability of

SIGMUND GREENEBAUM

I do, by these presents, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco, appoint him a P A R K C O M M I S S I O N E R

in and for the City and County of San Francisco, he to hold said office for the term of four years from and after the eighth day of January, 1915 vice himself, term expired.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name and have caused the seal of my office to be affixed hereto, this eighth day of January, 1915.

Attest: (signed) JAMES ROLPH, Jr.,

Edward Rainey (signed) MAYOR.

Secretary.

Protest re. vegetable gardens.

From Balboa Improvement Club protesting against leasing any part of Balboa Park for use as a vegetable garden.

Referred to Supt. McLaren for report at next meeting.

Request that trees be cut down.

A petition signed by fourteen property owners adjacent to Alamo Square requesting that cypress trees be cut down in said Square at the corner of Fulton and Scott Streets as they are a great nuisance and a good hiding place for hold-up men, etc.

Referred to Supt. McLaren for report at next meeting.

Re. Dolores St. center parks.

Communications relative to the improvement of the Dolores Street center parks were received from the South of Army Street Improvement Club, from Mayor James Rolph, Jr., with enclosure from the Dolores Street Improvement Club and Supervisor Andrew J. Gallagher.

The Secretary was instructed to write fully to all the above correspondents giving the reasons why the center parks on Dolores Street cannot be improved at the present time.

Re. Hamilton Sq.

From the Playground Commission informing the Park Commissioners "That inasmuch as the City and County Attorney is of the opinion that the transfer of Hamilton Square to the jurisdiction of the Playground Commission has been completed by the Park Commission in regular session, further action in this matter is unnecessary".

Referred to Pres. Metson.

Re. Hamilton Sq.

From West of Fillmore Street Improvement Assn., enclosing letter sent by that Association to the Playground Commission in which they "protest against what appears to us to be a violation and breach of good faith on the part of either the Playground Commission or its

employees in arranging and dividing of Hamilton Square into a playground and park,"etc.

Communication ordered filed.

Protest re. planting trees also request for coping.

From the Golden Gate Park Federation of Improvement Clubs protesting against planting of trees along the borders of Golden Gate Park which obstruct the view of the Park and requesting the removal of the wire fence recently constructed along the south border and that coping be constructed in lieu thereof.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. Charter Amendments.

From the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors enclosing printed copy of two proposed Charter Amendments affecting the employees in the Park, to wit: placing every position except Superintendent of Parks and Squares, under Civil Service and increasing the necessary money for the maintenance, preservation and improvement of said Parks, Squares, Avenues and Grounds from five cents nor more than seven cents, to not less than seven cents nor more than nine cents.

Ordered filed.

Re. State motor vehicle license

From State Treasurer, Sacramento, California, relative to the park auto truck. He states that the law provides that where a vehicle is used exclusively in the park service and not on the public highways, the same is exempt from the motor vehicle tax.

Pres. Metson declared that in view of the recent opinion of the City and County Attorney that the Great Highway is a public street, he would instruct the Secretary to obtain the necessary license and it was so ordered.

Re. use of cottage in Mission Park.

From the Mission Park Tennis Club regarding securing of the cottage in Mission Park for a dressing room and Club.

Supt. McLaren reported that the cottage was occupied by one of the employees who protected the Park and

that he thought accommodations could be secured at the Mission High School just opposite. Secretary instructed to answer the Tennis Club to that effect.

Re. Donahue Fountain.

From Mayor's office with enclosure from J.L. Russell suggesting the planting of the basin of the Donahue Fountain corner Market and Battery Streets with grass and flower seeds.

Supt. McLaren reported that the said basin was cemented over and such an idea could not now be carried out. Secretary instructed to so notify Mr. Russell.

Letter of thanks.

From the Board of Park Commissioners, Rochester, N.Y., thanking the Secretary for his prompt and complete answer to all their questions.

Ordered filed.

Re. music program.

From the L. Frentrup Company asking for the privilege of distributing a music program in Golden Gate Park.

Secretary instructed to notify the Company that it is against the policy of the Park Commission to grant any further concessions in the Park.

Re. "Convention Garden".

From the Society of American Florists relative to laying out a "Convention Garden" so that visiting horticulturists "may see something worth seeing when they visit San Francisco" where they are to convene in the latter part of August, 1915.

Referred to Supt. McLaren who was instructed to act in harmony with the Society.

Request for use of Stadium.

From the Finnish Workers Association of San Francisco who will have a 1915 celebration in July, asking for the use of a portion of the Stadium for their celebration July 4th, 1915 between nine and twelve A.M.

This request was granted provided the Stadium is not required by the San Francisco Municipal Authorities for a public celebration on the Fourth of July.

5.

Re.landing of aviators on Beach.

From Lansing K. Tevis who is associated with Mr. Christofferson the "birdman", who has a shed near Murray's at the southerly end of the Great Highway and from which point they carry passengers in an aeroplane over the beach. They are sometimes required to land on the Beach on account of the Winds but have recently been notified by the mounted police that they must discontinue landing on that particular part of the Beach. Mr. Tevis therefore asks for permission from the Park Commissioners to continue landing on the Beach.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Check for restoration of shrubbery

From the Turner Company, contractors, enclosing a check for two hundred and fifty ($250.) dollars as an advanced payment for the removal and replacing of shrubbery where displaced in Golden Gate Park in consequence of the proposed line of the auxiliary W ter Supply for the Panama Pacific International Exposition Company.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Report on water.

From Board of Public Health report on condition of water in Golden Gate Park read and filed.

Re. bronze tablet for Sequoia.

A design for a bronze tablet 10" X 28" to mark the Sequoia tree planted in Golden Gate Park by the Daughters of the American Revolution was submitted and referred to Com. Cummings, who approved the design and directed that the tablet be cast in bronze.

Report of Com. Cummings approved.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary-Park Commission

San Francisco, February 4th, 1915.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, February 4th, 1915 at 4 P.M.,

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum,

Absent were: Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. Curtis H. Lindley.

Minutes adopted.

The minutes of the previous meeting copies of which were sent to each Commissioner, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried adopted as the minutes of the meeting held January 23rd, 1915.

Re. filtration plant of P.P.I.E.

From the Panama Pacific International Exposition Company enclosing copy of proposed contract between that Company and the Park Commission covering temporary occupancy of Golden Gate Park. If this contract is approved by the Park Commission in its present form the same will be formally executed and transmitted to the Park Board.

This contract was referred to Pres. Metson who revised it after which it was sent to the Exposition Company to be executed as revised, and duly signed.

Re. suit against Consolidated Construction Co., re. 48th Ave. sewer.

From City and County Attorney Percy V. Long to Supt. McLaren stating that he had been directed by a Resolution of the Board of Supervisors to commence suit against the Consolidated Construction Company for breach of contract in the construction of the 48th Avenue sewer across Golden Gate Park. Mr. Henning of that Company has stated that the interference on the part of Supt. McLaren was one of the causes of the non-completion of the contract. The City Attorney states that in order

#2

to refute these charges he is compelled to ask the Superintendent to answer a series of questions which he has submitted.

Matter referred to Supt. McLaren.

Request for scales at Stadium.

From the Public Schools Athletic League advising the Board of the necessity of placing a Morse or Fairbanks scale in the dressing rooms at the Golden Gate Park Stadium for use by athletes in general.

Supt. McLaren's opinion being asked he thought a scale of no use unless a practical man was kept there to regulate same.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried the communication was ordered filed.

Re. pedestal for statue of Von Beethoven.

From the Beethoven Saenerchor of the City of New York by Dr. Max Magnus of San Francisco, informing the Board of Park Commissioners that they have in their possession plans for a pedestal for the "Statue of Music" which was offered to the City and County of San Francisco at the same time the bust of Beethoven was offered. Dr. Magnus asks that a suitable time be set aside when their Committee could submit plans and have a place assigned for the erection of the Monument.

Referred to Com. H. Carl Cummings.

Request for lights.

From the Sunset Women's Improvement Club requesting that a cluster of lights be installed in Huntington Falls station.

Secretary instructed to notify the ladies that there is no lighting plant in the Park and therefore the Board can not comply with their request.

Complaint referred to Supt. McLaren.

From Mrs. J. Stelzner complaining that some rubbish had been left on her sidewalk on the N.E. corner of 15th Avenue and Lake Street by Park Employees.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

#3

Re. insurance on auto.

From the International Indemnity Company giving rates for insurance to fully protect the Board of Park Commissioners from loss sustained as the result of the operation of their official automobiles:

Fire and theft insurance $4000.; $49.40.

Public liability insurance $4000.; $36.00.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. deer for San Diego Park Com.

From Board of Park Commissioners, San Diego, California thanking the members of the Park Board for the donation of two male deer and advising that they be be shipped by boat to J. G. Morley, Superintendent of Parks, San Diego.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Lake Merced private property.

From the Mayor's office with enclosure relative to putting up signs to designate the locality of Lake Merced to the general public.

Secretary instructed to inform the Mayor's office that as Lake Merced is private property [illegible] no right to encourage the public to trespass [illegible], subjecting them to possible arrest.

Re. Batista Passera.

From Mw. Rainey Secretary [illegible], Mayor James Rolph, Jr., with enclosure from B. Passera.

Secretary was instructed to inform the Mayor's office that Mr. Passera does not state facts in his communication and that he has become such a nuisance that he has been told to stay away from the Park Lodge or submit to arrest by the police.

Report on water.

Report from the Board of Public Health relative to drinking water in Golden Gate Park considered and ordered filed.

Supt. McLaren's report.

Report of Supt. McLaren for the month of January, 1915. He reports the wrecking of the Panorama Building on Strawberry Hill. He also reports that during the month the Board of Supervisors turned over to the credit of the Park Fund the following amounts:

4

$4000.00 for a convenience station in Alamo Square; $3500.00 for the improvement of the Dolores Street center parks; and $2500.00 for the improvement of Lincoln Park. He recommends that this work commence as soon as possible.

All recommendations adopted.

Supt. La Rue's report.

Report of Acting Superintendent of Childrens Quarters for month of January, 1915 read and copies ordered sent the Commissioners.

Bids on clay for Lincoln Park and Stadium.

Proposals were invited for the delivery of fifteen hundred cubic yards of clay, more or less, to the Stadium, Golden Gate Park and for one thousand cubic yards of clay, more or less to Lincoln Park and the following bids were opened and considered:

Sunset Construction Company;	Lincoln Pk.	$.62	per cu. yd
	Stadium	.72	"
Sibley Grading & Teaming Co.;	Lincoln Pk.	1.00	"
	Stadium	1.00	"
Herman Sulan;	Lincoln Pk.	1.27	"
	Stadium	1.17	"
San Francisco Drayage Co.;	Lincoln Pk.	1.45	"
	Stadium	1.45	"
Owen McHugh;	Lincoln Pk.	.69	"
	Stadium	.84	"

The Sunset Construction Company being the lowest bidder and Owen McHugh having the best sample of clay the matter was referred to Supt. McLaren.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to call of the President.

Secretary-Park Commission

San Francisco, February 18th, 1915.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, February 18th, 1915 at 3:30 P.M.

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. Curtis H. Lindley,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum.

Minutes adopted.

The minutes of the meeting held February 4th, copies of which were sent to each Commissioners, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, adopted as the minutes of the meeting held February 4th, 1915.

Re. transfer of Keith paintings.

A communication from Curator Geo. H. Barron of the Park Memorial Museum having been received by the Secretary instructing him to cancel four insurance policies covering four Keith paintings which had been removed from the Museum without the knowledge and consent of the Park Commissioners, Pres. Metson, to avoid a short rate cancellation by the Insurance Companies, instructed the Secretary to communicate with Mr. M.N. Harmon with a view of having the policies transferred to cover the paintings in their present location in the Fine Arts Building of the Panama Pacific International Exposition.

The Board disapproved the action of the Curator in permitting the removal of the said paintings without its consent and on motion duly made, seconded and carried it was decided that no article loaned to the Park Museum shall be removed from the said Museum without the consent of the Board of Park Commissioners.

Re. contract for clay.

The Sunset Construction Company filed a bond and contract in connection with their bid to furnish twenty five hundred (2500) cubic yards of clay to the Board. These documents were submitted to the President by the Secretary and upon his approval the certified checks of the Sunset Construction Company were returned.

To loan buffalo for use in Exposition.

The Board approved action in the following case: On February 18th, 1915 a telegram was received from Mr. J. O. Miller, Bliss, Oklahoma in which he writes "Have you any surplus buffalo for sale, if so wire lowest price, want to use them our show at Exposition there if can buy cheap enough will save us shipping from here. Please answer immediately". By direction of President Metson the following answer was sent to Mr. Miller "The Park Commissioners of San Francisco will loan you a pair of buffalo during the Exposition you to pay amount it would cost you for freight from Oklahoma to the Exposition Grounds."

No answer has been received as yet to this message.

The action of the President was approved.

Re. Peoples' Parade.

From the Secretary of Citizens Committee Panama Pacific International Exposition advising that the Federal, State and City Officials will assemble for the Peoples' Parade to the Exposition Grounds on Saturday morning, February 20th, on the west side of Van Ness Avenue just south of Broadway.

Communication read and filed.

Check for empty cement sacks.

From the Santa Cruz Portland Cement Company enclosing check for $87.90 in settlement for 879 empty cement sacks returned.

Read and filed, and check deposited in City Treasury.

Request for permission to visit Pumping Station.

From the Polytechnic High School requesting permission for a small class of older boys to visit the Pumping Station in Golden Gate Park.

Permission granted.

Re. Art Exhibit.

From Mrs. Grace Allison, asking details and requirements for an exhibition, expense, etc., etc., in connection with the proposed exhibition for California Artists to be held in the Park Museum.

Referred to Curator Barron.

Re. Dolores Street center parks.

From the South of Army Street Improvement Club requesting information as to whether or not a special appropriation has been made for the completion of the Dolores Street center parks.

Secretary announced that he had sent all information available on the subject to the Club.

Re. Park Committee of H.& A. Improvement Assn.

From the Haight and Ashbury District Improvement Assn. advising the appointment of a Committee on Parks for the year 1915 consisting of the following gentlemen: T. P. Martin, Chairman; F. P. Lansing; Dr. A. W. Morton; Wm. Corbin; E.A. Keil; E.N. Fritz.

Secretary instructed to thank the Association for the great interest the members have always taken in the Park.

Re. miniature railway.

From The McGarigle Machine Company relative to a miniature railway in the Park. Read and filed.

Re. Insurance Week

From the Panama Pacific Insurance Club stating that they have been organized to conduct the Exposition's official "Nine Years After Event" and to help the Exposition officials to carry to successful conclusions other events which they have been promoting in the insurance world for several years, namely

April 18th, Insurance Day.

April 20th, Desease and Accident Day.

April 22nd, Fraternal Day

April 24th, Fire Prevention Day.

The Insurance Club requests that the Park Board appoint a Committee to assist them in successfully promoting these undertakings to the end that this Week of Events may accomplish its purpose and bring to this City at least fifty thousand insurance men from the Pacific Coast and extreme Western States besides the several large Insurance Conventions already scheduled to meet here that week.

Secretary instructed to notify the Insurance Club that the Park Commissioners will assist them and as far as lies in their power they are at their service.

Re. beavers.

From the Fish and Game Commission stating that upon investigation on Cache Slough where it was proposed to secure some Beavers, it was found impossible to capture the animals at the present time, consequently their capture has been deferred until May or June.

Read and ordered filed.

Offer for sale of antelope.

From Mr. B. W. Stone, Ontario, Oregon, offering for sale one male Antelope for fifty dollars ($50.) crated on board the cars at Ontario, Oregon.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. quail.

From Robison Bros. who wish to secure two dozen California Valley Quail.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re sea elephants.

From M.P. Mossholder relative to four sea elephants found only upon an island off the west coast of Mexico called Guadalupe. He wishes to dispose of them to Golden Gate Park.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. Amendment No. 25.

Amendment No. 25 to the Charter to be submitted to the people of San Francisco March 16th, 1915 was unanimously approved by the members of the Board. Pres. Metson read a statement showing the absolute necessity for the adoption of the said Amendment which provides

5

for an increase from seven cents on the one hundred dollars to nine cents on the one hundred dollars assessed valuation.

A table of comparisons shows that Oakland with a population of 150,174 appropriated in 1912 $255,856.81 for her three hundred and twenty seven acres whilo San Francisco with a population of 500,000 appropriated in 1912 $358,046.97 for her nineteen hundred acres.

On motion of Com. Lindley Amendment No. 25 was unanimously approvod and the Secretary was instructed to furnish official figures to Pres. Metson relative to the amount lost to the Park Fund by revenue formerly derived from their proportion of the Oorporation Tax and also the loss to the Park Fund by virtue of the exemption of churches and colleges from taxation. When revisod by the President tho Secretary was instructed to give the article to the newspapers.

Re. flower baskets on Markot Streot.

President Metson stated that he had been intorviewed by the Chairman of the Committee on Decoration of tho Panama Pacific International Exposition relativo to decorating the telephone poles on Market Street with flower baskets.

On motion duly mado, seconded and carriod it was ordered that the Park Commissioners furnish the soil, plants and advice but cannot maintain same. Secretary ordered to notify Hon. James Rolph, Jr., Mayor of San Francisco, of the action of the Board.

Curator's report.

Reports of Curator Barron for December and January read and ordered filed.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary-Park Commission

San Francisco, March 11th, 1915.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, March 11th, at 3:30 P.M.

Present were: Com. A. B. Spreckels,
" Sigmund Greenebaum,
" M. Earl Cummings.

Absent were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. Curtis H. Lindley.

President pro tem.

On motion of Com. Cummings, seconded by Com. Greenebaum and put by Secty. de Succa. Com. A. B. Sprockels was unanimously declared elected President pro tem in consequence of the absence of Pres. Metson.

Minutes adopted.

The minutes of the meeting held February 18th copies of which were sent to each Commissioner., were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried adopted as the minutes of the meeting held February 18th, 1915.

Re. Jitney busses on Great Highway.

Supt. Cashin of the Municipal Railroad addressed the Board in favor of granting the Matherson Motor Co. permission to run Jitney Busses on the Great Highway, as arrangements had been partially made so that a transfer system between the Motor Company and the Municipal Railroad could be arranged for the accommodation and convenience of residents of Oceanside.

Chairman Spreckels declared that in the absence of Pres. Metson and Com. Lindley the Board would have to defer action until the next meeting.

Re. auto transportation on Great Highway.

Mr. A. W. Allen addressed the Board in favor of his application on file asking "For the right and privilege for a term of years to operate an automobile transportation line over the Great Highway Boulevard

from the Cliff House to Murray's (Ingleside Car line) being allowed to charge a maximum fare each way of five cents ($.05) per passenger". The Board to receive five per cent. of the net profits monthly of the said business.

Action deferred until all members of the Board are present.

Re. chairs on Beach.

Mr. J. A. Gallagher addressed the Board in favor of his application for a concession to place chairs for rent on the Ocean Beach such as are used on the beaches of the South and East charging fifteen cents ($.15) an hour for their use. In return for the privilege he will agree to keep the Beach in the vicinity of the chairs clear of all debris and refuse.

Action deferred until all members of the Board are present.

Re. Amendment No.1.

From the Board of Supervisors relative to the very great importance of Amendment No. 1 and appealing to all the electorate in support of the Amendment.

Read and ordered filed.

Re. Budget Estimate.

From the Board of Supervisors relative to the Budget Estimate for the fiscal year 1915-1916 and stating that the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors would hear them in connection with this Budget on Wednesday, March 24th, 1915 at 4 P.M.

Referred to Supt. McLaren and Secretary de Succa.

Re. Budget Estimate.

From the Board of Supervisors requiring that all Budget Estimates must be filed with the Board of Supervisors on or before March 8th, 1915.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. Budget Estimate.

From Auditor Thos. F. Boyle requesting an estimate of the amount of expenditures in detail required for the next fiscal year, 1915-16, a duplicate of same to be sent to the Board of Supervisors.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. benches on Beach.

From the Board of Supervisors relative to the large number of visitors from all over the United States who will visit the Ocean Beach and requesting that adequate benches be provided on that portion of the Great Highway used by pedestrians between Balboa Street and Lincoln Way.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Re. waiting station 7th Ave. & Lincoln Way.

From the Board of Public Works enclosing a preliminary plan of a proposed waiting station building for the inmates of the Relief Home, which it is deemed expedient to build in the vicinity of Seventh Avenue and Lincoln Way and requesting the privilege of building the said waiting station at this location.

Request granted provided an attendant be secured to keep the place sanitary so that it may be used for the purpose intended after it is built.

Re. sale of pea fowl.

From the City of Eureka desiring to buy a pea fowl from the Board.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Re. lawn on 13th Avenue.

From the Park Richmond Improvement Club calling attention to the condition of the lawn on the 13th Avenue side of the Boulevard connecting the Park with the Presidio.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Request to erect tent on Beach.

From Mary Helman desiring to know if she requires permission to put up a tent on the Ocean Beach to undress and dress before a dip in the Ocean.

Secretary directed to write to the lady and obtain details of just what she wants.

Re. filtration plant.

From the Panama Pacific International Exposition Company advising that the document covering the occupancy of Golden Gate Park for a filtration plant was now in the hands of their officials for signatures and that the Park Board would receive the same in a few days.

Protest re. school building.

From the South of Army Street Improvement Assn. protesting against a proposition to erect a school building within the grounds of Balboa Park.

Secretary instructed to notify the said Club that no proposition of this character had been received by this Board.

Re. proposed Huntington Park.

From the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors with enclosure from Mr. West Chamberlin suggesting that Huntington Park on Nob Hill be improved in the same manner as Union Square where the children can play on the grass and the grown ups sit on comfortable benches with a monument of Mrs. Huntington in the center.

As the Board of Park Commissioners have not acquired jurisdiction of the said Park the communication was filed.

Paintings returned.

From Curator Barron with receipt for two paintings returned to the Grizzly Bear Club.

Ordered filed.

Paintings returned.

From Curator Barron, receipt for one oil painting returned to T. L. Elson by W. Arnold.

Ordered filed.

Re. location for palmistry.

From Wm. Stevens who desires to obtain a location for palmistry in Golden Gate Park, will give a per centage if required.

Ordered filed.

Re. Rag Music.

From R. G. Huestis, with enclosure of clipping

from "Examiner" relative to Annie Laurie on Rag Music in the Park. He favors some rag music.

Copy of letter ordered sent Annie Laurie.

From E. L. Keller protesting against eliminating all rag music by the Park Band and endorses Annie Laurie's article.

Copy ordered sent to Annie Laurie.

From "A Native Daughter who loves her Golden State" protesting against eliminating rag time music by the Park Band, and states "the ones who will join with us are the ones we want to stay in California; the others may prefer a warmer climate".

Copy ordered sent to Annie Laurie.

From "Park Admirer" who protests against eliminating rag music from the Park program. "Park Admirer" states: " In regard to that old bible-back who complains about the music at the Park, I would bet five dollars to a doughnut that she is not a tax payer".

Copy of this letter ordered sent Annie Laurie.

From "San Francisco" who amongst other things writes "Let Cassasa continue with his rag time".

Copy ordered sent to Annie Laurie.

An unsigned postal states: "The people want rag music in the Park; don't over-ride the wish of the majority; public opinion makes thrones tremble". "Am awaiting your unstinted sanction of rag music".

Copy ordered sent to Annie Laurie.

Offer of wild ducks. From W. T. Clark who desires to sell sixteen wild ducks.

Secretary instructed to write that they are not wanted.

Request for elk. From City of Fresno Park Commissioners desiring to learn whether it is possible to obtain a few elk from Golden Gate Park. A favorable action by the Board will

be highly appreciated.

Supt. McLaren instructed to ship them two elk provided they pay all cost of transportation.

Park office permanently located at Park Lodge.

From A. J. Rich & Company who desire to know if the Board of Park Commissioners would consider leasing the building or any part thereof which is to be erected on the north east corner of Van Ness Avenue and McAllister Street and known as the City Hall.

Secretary instructed to notify Mr. Rich that we are permanently located at the Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park.

Re. visit to pumping station.

From A. L. Jordon, Polytechnic High School requesting permission to visit the pumping station, Monday, March 9th, during the noon hour.

Permission granted.

To send deer to San Diego Park Commissioners.

From the Board of Park Commissioners, San Diego, California, acknowledging receipt of two deer and regretting the loss of the beautiful spotted buck which, after being unloaded and put into the corral jumped into the fence and injured his jaw so badly that they were forced to have him killed.

Supt. McLaren directed to send another, provided they pay all cost of transportation.

Re. 26th Ave. entrance.

From F. W. Sawyer who desires to know if the entrance to the Park is to be at 25th or 26th Avenue.

Secretary instructed to answer 26th Avenue.

Complaint re. aeroplanes and 7th Ave. entrance.

From Park Commissioner O. H. Lindley with enclosure from C. H. Bentley complaining about the aeroplanes flying and lighting near the horses with considerable danger to the rider; also complaining that riders are not allowed to use the 7th Avenue entrance to the Park on Sunday afternoon, forcing them to ride along with the trolley for a considerable distance, thus causing

inconvenience and hardahip.

Secretary instructed to answer that it is against the Park Ordinances for aeroplanea to land on any portion of the Park but upon inveatigation we learn that upon one or two occaaions, when something went wrong with the machinery, and to save their lives, the aeronauta made landings in the Park. The Park Commissioners could not very well deny them that privilege in auch an emergency.

Relative to the 7th Avenue entrance to the Park, it must be closed on Sunday afternoon to protect the people during concort houra.

Ro. lampa for Mission Park.

From Rudgear Merle Company stating that they have the ton lamp standards for Mission Park completed since October but have been unable to set up same owing to the fact that the locations and underground wiring have not been settled. They say they would be pleased to recoive a payment on same.

Secretary instructed to notify them to put up all those standards which do not come on the line of the proposed car line , if such is known.

Request to run auto through Park to Beach.

From W. E. Lenthier requesting permission to run an automobile train, such as used at the Fair Grounds from Stanyan Street through the Park to the Beach for ten cents.

Com. Greenebaum considered the proposition as asking for a concession which the Board has disapproved on former occasions and therefore the request was denied.

Ro. water supply, Hamilton Square.

From J. S. Wallace of the Spring Valley Wator Company acknowledging recoipt of instructions from the Park Board, to charge the water service to Hamilton Square to the Playground Commission.

Ordered filed.

Re. painting of Fly Casters' Lodge.

From the San Francisco Fly Casters Club requesting information as to procedure necessary to having their Lodge at Stow Lake painted and what permit was necessary to do it themselves.

Secretary instructed to notify the Club that no permit was necessary and they would receive the thanks of the Park Board if they painted their Lodge.

Re. antelope.

From B. W. Stone relative to the shipment of an antelope. He must first obtain a permit from the Idaho Game Commission and will send the animal as soon as possible.

Ordered filed.

Re. improvement of lot near Olympic Club.

From W. F. Humphrey, President Olympic Club, relative to the improvement of the corner of Mason and Post Streets adjacent to the Olympic Club.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Re. filtration plant.

From the Panama Pacific International Exposition Company enclosing six copies of contract No. 331 between the Park Commissioners and the Exposition Company covering the temporary occupancy of Golden Gate Park with a filtration plant, all properly executed by the proper officials of the Exposition Company and requesting the same to be executed by the Park Commission retaining one copy and forwarding the other five to Mr. A. H. Markwart, Asst. Director of Works.

Referred to Pres. Metson.

Re. transfer of Hamilton Square.

Supt. McLaren reported that by an agreement between Pres. Metson, Park Commissioner and Father D.O. Crowley, Playground Commissioner, Pres. Metson advises that the necessary steps be taken by the Park Commission to formally transfer the jurisdiction of Hamilton Square to the Playground Commission.

Secretary instructed to endeavor to learn what was

necessary in the premises.

Supt. McLaren's report

Supt. McLaren's report for the month of February was read and adopted and recommendations approved. He recommends the taking out of the wooden stairway leading from the Conservatory Valley to the front door of the Conservatory and that they be replaced with concrete steps and coping.

Supt. La Rue's report.

Report of Supt. Le Rue for the month of February, 1915 read and copies ordered sent to each member of the Board.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary Park Commissioners.

San Francisco, March 25th, 1915.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, March 25th, at 3:30 P.M.

Present were: Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum.

Absent were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. Curtis H. Lindley.

On motion of Com. Greenebaum, seconded by Com. Cummings, the motion being put by Secty. de Succa, Com. A.B. Spreckels was unanimously declared elected Chairman pro tem. in the absence of Pres. Metson.

The minutes of the meeting held March 11th copies of which were sent to each Commissioner, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, adopted as the minutes of the meeting held March 11th, 1915.

Mr. J. A. Gallagher, Mr. Allen and the representatives of the Matherson Motor Company were present but action on their petition was again postponed in consequence of the absence of Pres. Metson and Com. Lindley.

From Mrs. James Ellis Tucker, stating that "A group of citizens are planning a benefit for the relief of sufferers from the European War and request the use of Union Square for one day to hold a European Market".

Request referred to Com. Lindley and Supt. McLaren.

Curator Barron reported that the Directors of the Panama Pacific International Exposition desire the Park Commissioners to loan them a number of paintings that are now in storage at the Park Museum.

Re. wild white cattle.

Re. quarry of

Com. Cummings was in favor of granting the request provided the value of the paintings are protected by fire insurance.

Under such conditions the loan could be made.

Re. wild white cattle.

Com. Lindley submitted a letter addressed to the Earl of Tankerville, Chillingham, England, in which he informs the Earl that through the courtesy of Mr. E.H. Grubb his generous offer to donate to the Park Commission a bull and heifer calf from his herd of famous wild white cattle had been accepted. Com. Lindley submits three conditions in his letter which read as follows:

1. That the Park Commission are to defray the expense of transporting the animals from some convenient English port to the City of San Francisco.

2. That on their arrival here they shall be installed as an exhibit in the live stock division of the Panama Pacific International Esposition and maintained there as an exhibit at the expense of the Commission, or the Exposition authorities, if proper arrangements may be made with them. At the close of the Exposition they are to be placed in the Paddocks at Golden Gate Park, or some other public park, under the jurisdiction of the Park Commission.

3. The Park Commission will undertake not to sell either of the animals, or donate or otherwise dispose of them to others.

Com. Lindley also states "In anticipation of meeting your requirements and arriving at a satisfactory understanding as to the conditions upon which the animals are to be received and maintained the Commissioners have agreed among themselves to authorize an appropriation of $1000.00 to defray the expenses of bringing the animals here."

All the conditions contained in the letter submitted were approved and the whole subject matter referred to Supt. McLaren and Com. Lindley.

Re. quarry of basalt.

From the Department of the Interior, stating that in consequence of the European War the supply of porous basalt heretofore imported had been cut off and requesting to know if the Park Board had a quarry that would meet the requirements.

Secretary instructed to answer that we have no quarry.

Re. use of Stadium.

From Temple Emmanuel asking for the use of the Stadium, Sunday, March 28th, 1915.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Letter of thanks.

From Board of Park Commissioners, City of Fresno, thanking the Board of Park Commissioners of San Francisco for the donation to them of two Elks.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Re. oiling roads.

From the Park Richmond Improvement Club, requesting that oil be put on the roads in the Panhandle connecting Golden Gate Park with the Presidio.

Referred to Supt. with full power to act.

Re. electroliers for Mission Park.

From Rudgear Morle Company stating that they are proceeding to erect electroliers in Mission Park in locations designated by Supt. McLaren.

Ordered filed.

Re. deer to be sent to San Diego.

From the Board of Park Commissioners of San Diego, stating that they will gladly pay the cost of transportation of the spotted deer to replace the one previously shipped but which had to be killed on account of being injured.

Ordered filed.

Re. Secretary's bond

Receipt from James C. Hayburn for official bond to Park Commissioners covering surety bond of Secretary James de Succa.

Ordered filed.

To donate motor for merry-go-round.

From the Pacific Gas & Electric Company informing Supt. McLaren that if he will take care of the balance of the work they will loan the motor for the merry-go-round which means a considerable outlay on the part of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, perhaps not justified by the revenue, but they are willing to make a sacrifice of a little commercialism for the benefit of the kiddies.

Letter of thanks ordered sent the Company for their generosity.

Re. School on Balboa Park.

From the Board of Supervisors submitting a copy of Resolution J.R. No. 1724 which reads as follows:

WHEREAS, The Board of Education has recommended the necessity of erecting and establishing a school in the neighborhood of San Jose and Ocean Avenues; and
WHEREAS, it appeals to this Board that if a site could be obtained in Balboa Park the purposes would be conserved without incurring an expense to the city for the purpose of additional land, and acceptable by the Board of Education; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Park Commissioners be and is hereby requested to permit the setting aside for school purposes of a piece of ground within Balboa Park having a frontage of approximately 250 feet on Ocean Avenue adjoining the fire house by a uniform depth of 250 feet.

Ayes-Supervisors Bancroft, Deasy, Gallagher, Hayden, Hilmer, Hocks, Kortick, McCarthy, McLeran, Murdock, Nelson, Nolan, Payot, Power, Suhr, Vogelsang, Walsh--17
No. Supervisor Jennings-1

Action deferred until all members of the Board are present.

Re. trees on Buena Vista Park hill.

From G. I. Taylor recommending the trimming of some of the trees on the summit of Buena Vista Park so that they will not obstruct the view.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Request for information.

From Colusa City Band asking for drawings for a music band shell to cost about Three hundred dollars to accommodate forty musicians.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. children in Alta Plaza.

From Edwin A. Elsbach complaining about the lack of privilege the children are subjected to at Alta Plaza, to wit: they cannot play on the grass nor fly kites.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. wall around Holly Park.

From the Holly Park Improvement Club requesting that six thousand dollars ($6000.) be added to the Park Budget to build a coping and retaining wall around Holly Park.

Secretary instructed to notify the said Club that

the said $6000.00 was included in the Park Budget for the fiscal year 1915-16.

Re. autos on Beach. From the Exposition Motor Coach Co. requesting permission to inaugurate a service with its double deck motor coaches on the Great Highway from the Cliff House to Murray's, a fare of five cents each way to be charged.

Action deferred until all members of the Board are present.

Re. Amendment No. 25 From the Peralta Heights Improvement Club stating that they had endorsed Amendment No. 25.

Secretary directed to thank Club for their action.

Re. Amendment No.25. From the Potrero and Southeast Mission Federation of Improvements Clubs stating that they had endorsed Amendment No. 25.

Secretary directed to thank Club for their action.

Letter of thanks. From the City of Cincinnati acknowledging the receipt of a copy of rules and regulations of Golden Gate Park.

Ordered filed.

Re. cancellation of policies. From Rudolph Herold, Jr., notice of cancellation of insurance policies on Keith paintings removed from the Park Museum; a return Premium of $157.10 was paid to the Secretary who deposited the same in the City Treasury to the credit of the Park Fund.

Secretary directed to acknowledge receipt of money and thank Mr. Herold.

Return from the Spring Valley Water Co. for overcharge. The Secretary reported having received cash to the amount of $312.03 on account of an overcharge on water used on the Dolores Street Parks, from the Spring Valley Water Co.

The money was deposited in the City Treasury to the credit of the Park Fund.

Receipt for returns from Museum Receipt from Mr. Murray for return of two Chinese Buddahs also receipt from C. T. Milliken for a

number of articles. These loans were returned with the consent of Pres. Metson.

Curator's report.

Report of Curator Barron for the month of February, 1915 read and ordered filed.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the Chairman.

Secretary--Park Commission.

San Francisco, April 8th, 1915.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, April 8th at 3:30 P.M.

Present were: Com. Curtis H. Lindley,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Com. A. B. Spreckels.

Absent were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum.

President pro tem.

On motion of Com. Spreckels, seconded by Com. Cummings and carried, Com. Lindley was elected President pro tem. in the absence of Pres. W.H. Metson.

Minutes adopted.

The amended minutes of the meeting held March 25th, 1915, copies of which were sent to the Commissioners, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried adopted as the minutes of the meeting held March 25, 1915.

Re. wild white cattle.

From R. N. Hickman, Chief Quarantine Division, Department of Agriculture, enclosing circulars entitled B.A.I Order No. 221, U.S. Department of Agriculture, informing the Board of Park Commissioners that cattle from Great Britain may be imported into the United States for exhibition at the Panama Pacific International Exposition provided they pass a veterinary inspection at the Port of Entry and are accompanied by certificates and affidavits as required per section Three of B.A.I. Order No. 209.

All cattle covered by the provisions of this order must, after arrival at Port of Entry, be shipped direct from the Quarantine Station to the Exposition Grounds.

Circular B.A.I. No. 209 provides for the inspection and quarantine of cattle, etc., imported into the United States.

The letter and circulars were referred to Supt. McLaren.

Antelope arrives from Oregon.

From B. W. Stone, Ontario, Oregon, stating that he had just received a permit dated March 29, 1915 to ship the antelope. The Secretary informed the Board that the antelope had arrived.

Secretary to acknowledge receipt of letter and inform Mr. Stone that the antelope had arrived in good condition.

Re. elk for Fresno.

From the Board of Park Commissioners, Fresno, California, stating that they had about concluded arrangements to send a man to San Francisco to prepare and ship the elk which this Board had so kindly donated.

The Secrotary informed the Board that they had been advised that the San Francisco Board of Park Commissioners would attend to the crating of the elk at a cost of about Twenty five Dollars ($25.) to them, they to pay the freight charges upon the arrival of the animals in Fresno.

Action approved.

No. swans for sale.

From the Burko's Sanitarium, Burke, California, who desire to purchase a pair of swans.

The Board decided that they had no swans for sale.

Re. Accident Insurance.

From the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors regarding Accident Compensation in which he states "All valid claims for compensation are paid out of a special item in the Budget. This Fund is practically an insurance Fund".

Ordered filed.

Re. nuisance in Park.

From Chief of Police White relative to the "character of degenerate men who congregate in the vicinity of the toilets near the corner of Turk and Laguna Streets. He suggests removing the shrubbery and installing lights and then this class of degenerates would not congregate in that neighborhood."

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

List of Employees sent Grand Jury.

From the Grand Jury requesting a complete list of all employees in the Park Department.

Secrotary informed the Board that request had been

complied with.

Re. Hamilton Square.

From the Secretary of the Playground Commission stating that the Playground Commission in regular session March 11th, 1915 by resolution regularly made, and carried "have transferred the westerly half of Hamilton Square to the Park Commission with the understanding that the Park Commission will in turn transfer to the Playground Commission the entire area of Hamilton Square with certain conditions attached".

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried the transfer of the westerly half of Hamilton Square from the Playground Commission to the jurisdiction of the Park Commission was accepted.

In accordance with the desire of the Park Commission and the request of the Playground Commission, that Hamilton Square be transferred to the Playground Commission as a whole, it was moved by Com. Spreckels, seconded by Com. Cummings and carried that the whole of Hamilton Square be transferred to the jurisdiction of the Playground Commission.

This procedure seems necessary in consequence of a flaw in the previous effort to transfer by reason of the non-compliance of the City and County Attorney with the request of the Park Commission to draw up a resolution as per motion offered by Com. Lindley and carried October 22nd, 1914, "That the Secretary be instructed to request City and County Attorney Percy V. Long to draw up a resolution legally transferring to the Playground Commission jurisdiction over the whole of Hamilton Square in accordance with the provisions of a certain map and plans submitted".

The transfer of Hamilton Square to the Playground Commission was to follow the receipt of the resolution legally transferring Hamilton Square to the Playground

Commission, but the representative of the City and County Attorney's office informed Secty. de Succa, orally, that the request of the Park Commission could not be complied with until the Playground Commission re-transferred to the Park Commission the westerly half of Hamilton Square which was placed under the jurisdiction of the Playground Commission June 16th, 1911.

No official compliance of the Park Commission's request to the City and County Attorney having been received by the Park Commission, no transfer of Hamilton Square to the Playground Commission followed, previous to the action of the Board at to day's meeting.

Request for information.

From the Bureau of Municipal Research, New York, requesting data and statistics of the Park system in San Francisco.

Referred to Secretary.

Request to conduct tourists through Park, denied.

From Mr. F. S. Robbins who desires a concession for conducting tourists through Golden Gate Park afoot for a financial consideration of not less than twenty five cents nor more than fifty cents.

Chairman Lindley informed Mr. Robbins that it has long been the policy of the Board to refuse any further concessions in the Park. If all concessions asked for were granted the Park would assume the appearance of a carnival and a poor man with a large family would be driven to Bay View Park.

Request denied.

Re. grass used on sand dunes.

From F. W. Young, Street Superintendent of the City of Manhattan Beach, Cal., requesting information regarding the kind of grass or plant that will hold the sand and keep the same from drifting in the wind.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. tennis nets.

From Frank W. Thorne stating that he is an old sailor who has sailed from this port for thirty five years

he has lost one leg and is trying to make a living by knitting nets. He asks to be given some work in that line.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Requests of N.S. G.W. referred to Supt. McLaren.

From Louis H. Mooser, Grand President N.S.G.W., who asks that the water be allowed to run down Huntington Falls on April 23rd, 1915 as they intend taking a large number of the members of the Grand Parlor out to the Park on that day. He also declares that there is an obstruction to the approach to Lincoln Park and asks if this road can be opened.

He states that the Grand Parlor of Native Sons will have a tree-planting ceremony and would like the privilege of planting trees in the Civic Center on April 19, 1915.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Receipt from Museum.

From Curator Barron receipt from Robt. Lee for return to him of "The Glasgow Journal" dated 1769.

Re. Music Temple.

From the Musicians' Union of Australia requesting any photographs or rough plans and drawings and information as to the cost of the Music Temple presented to the Park by the Hon. Claus Spreckels.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Request from Tulare County for birds and animals.

From Tulare County Board of Forestry, Porterville, Cal., stating that they had constructed, under the instructions of the Academy of Science, an elk paddock of eleven acres and would like to secure from time to time buffalo, deer and birds from Golden Gate Park.

Secretary instructed to write and inquire what kind of an institution is the "Tulare County Board of Forestry"; is it private or public; will the public be permitted to view the collection of animals free of cost, or is a small charge to be made?

Upon a favorable reply that it is a public institution the Superintendent has been instructed to send such

animals as he may have a surplus of.

The eelection of the donations was referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Supt. McLaren's report.

The report of Supt. McLaren for the month of March read and recommendations approved.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the Chair.

Secretary--Park Commissioners.

San Francisco, April 28th, 1915.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Wednesday, April 28th, at 3:30 P.M.

Present were: Acting Pres. Curtis H. Lindley,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum,
Com. M. Earl Cummings.

Absent were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. A. B. Spreckels.

Meeting called to order by Acting President Curtis H. Lindley in the absence of Pres. W. H. Metson.

Minutes adopted.

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to the Commissioners, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried adopted as the minutes of the meeting held April 8th, 1915.

P.P.I.E. granted permission to sink well.

From Director of Works, H. D. H. Connick, Panama Pacific International Exposition, asking permission to sink a well just inside Golden Gate Park at 47th Avenue as shown on a map submitted. The request was granted subject to the location being approved by Supt. McLaren.

Re. Power Sprayer.

From Fitzhenry-Guptill Company relative to the Power Sprayer (oil) quoting a price of $1270.00 f.o.b. Boston.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. Volley Ball.

From Y. M. C. A., requesting that one of the new tennis courts be set aside for "Volley Ball" a game that is played like Tennis, in which as many as eighteen players may take part.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Request to rent field glaeses, denied.

From Frank Schmidt requesting the exclueive privilege of renting field glasses at a cost of ten cents to visitors to the summit of Buena Vista Park.

This being considered a concession the request was denied.

Check from Turner Co., for shrubbery.

From the Turner Company enclosing a certified check for $232.75 in payment for re-placing shrubbery destroyed by running P.P.I.E. pipe line through Golden Gate Park.

Secretary de Succa reported that he had deposited the check to the credit of the Park Fund in the City Treasury.

Action approved.

Re. Hamilton Sq.

From the Playground Commission stating that the transfer of Hamilton Square by the Park Commission to the Playground Commission had been received and on motion duly made, seconded and carried was accepted by the Board of Playground Commissioners.

Read and ordered filed.

Re. Balboa Park for school purposes.

From Clerk of the Board of Supervisors stating that he had been directed by the Public Buildings Committee of the Board of Supervisors to obtain an answer as to the disposition by the Park Commission of the Reeolution of the Board of Supervisors requesting that a portion of Balboa Park be set aside for school purposes.

Supervisors Paul Bancroft and Ralph McLeran were present and urged as a measure of economy the granting of the land for the said purpose.

The Board decided to take the matter under advisement and it was so ordered.

Request to erect tent on Beach, denied.

From May Helman who at a previoue meeting requested permission to put up a tent on the Beach where she could undress before taking a plunge in the surf.

Secretary was at that time instructed to obtain from the lady details of just what she wanted. Her answer was that she desired a tent about 9 X 12 feet and adds "if it pays me I will take the tent at night and secure it to the bushes".

As sho evidently intended to rent the use of the tent for a financial consideration it was considered a concession and her request denied.

Offer of eagle declined.

From Secretary San Francisco Aerie No. 5, F.O.E., enclosing a lotter from C. L. Richards, Secretary Tonopah #271, who desires to present a live Black American Eagle to Golden Gate Park.

Secretary instructed to thank the gentlemen for his offer and inform him that we could not accept the bird at present as our cages are full.

Request for loan of stuffed bear.

From the President of the Grizzly Bear Club asking for the loan of the stuffed bear at the Museum to be placed in the Club rooms in the Native Sons Building during Grand Parlor week.

Secretary referred request to Curator Barron, as no meeting of the Board would be held in time to act upon the request.

Re. Civil Service Building Inspectors.

From Assn. Civil Service Building Inspectors, requesting that if, in the construction of any building, a Building Inspector is required, he be appointed from the above Association List No. 3.

Secretary instructed to inform the Association that the Park Commissioners would comply with their request.

Re. elk for Fresno Park Board.

From the Board of Park Commissioners, Fresno, California, requesting that the two elks promised them be shipped as soon as possible, notifying them by wire at their expense so that they can be on the look out

for the animals.

Secretary instructed to notify the Board that it would coet Twenty five Dollars ($25.) each to crate the elk, and to let them know when the elk would leave San Francisco.

Request to sail gondolas, denied.

From R. Gringate requesting permission to put one or two gondolas, which he brought from Italy, on one of the lakes in Golden Gate Park, agreeing to pay a per centage of the profit to the Park Commission.

This being considered a concession, request denied.

Re.benches for Van Ness Avenue.

From Clerk of the Board of Supervisors stating that his Honor, the Mayor, had transmitted to the Public Welfare Committee, a letter from Mr. T. Speakman, suggesting that benches be placed on the Library Park side of Hayes Street for mothers, nurses and children and also along the various blocks on Van Ness Avenue on the outside of the sidewalk for the comfort and convenience of pedestrians.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. erection of colonnade in Union Square.

From John A. Britton, stating that the National Electric Light Association will hold its Annual Convention in San Francisco, June 7th next when about twenty five hundred distinguished people will visit us. Mr. Britton, on behalf of the General Convention Committee, desires to express their welcome by means of a colonnade built in imitation Travatine which would represent their and our hospitality.

This colonnade is to surround the Dewey Monument in Union Square; to be erected about May 21st and be removed between June 7th and 12th, without injury or damage to the beauty of the Square.

Permission granted provided the plan is approved by Com. M. Earl Cummings and Supt. John McLaren.

Re. Cricket Field. From Henry Ward who desires a section of ground near the Ball Field for the California Cricket Association.

Referred to Supt. McLaren to report at the next meeting as to the cost of preparing the cricket field.

Report on water. Report received from the Board of Public Health relative to the condition of the drinking water in the Park.

Read and filed.

Supt. La Rue's report. Report of Childrens Quarters for the month of March received. Copies ordered sent the Commissioners.

Bids on marble work in Alamo Sq. convenience station The following bids were received for marble work to complete the convenience station in Alamo Square:

Vermont Marble Company	$644.00
Mission Marble Works:	$841.00

Bids on hose. Bids were received for the supplying of hose as follows:

Bowers Rubber Works:

6000 ft., more or less, of 1" 4 ply rubber hose in 50ft. lengths, complete with couplings, guaranteed for one year, as per Sample A., herewith---------	$.12 per ft.
6000 ft., more or less, of 1" triple fabric moldod rubber hose in 50 ft. lengths, complete with couplings, guaranteed for one and one-half years, as per sample B	$.17 "
300 ft., more or less, of 1-1/4" 4 ply rubber hose in 50 ft. lengths complete with couplings, guaranteed for one year, as per sample C.,	$.15 "

New York Belting and Packing Co.,

1" 3 ply braided construction rubber hose per ft----------$.20

1½" 3 ply braided construction rubber hose per ft.---------- .25
coupled in 50 ft. lenghts.

United States Rubber Company:

1" 4 ply Popular Brand, water hose, coupled in 50 ft. lengths per ft. .13½ net

1½" 4 ply Popular Brand water hose coupled in 50ft. lengths per ft. .17 "

Goodyear Rubber Company:

1" 4 ply Goodyear Special, couplod complete, per ft---------- .12-3/8 "

1½" 4 ply Goodyear Special, coupled completo, per ft.---------- .15-3/4 "

Gutta Percha & Rubber Mfg. Co.,

6000 ft., more or less 1" G.P. braided garden hose, coupled complete, per ft---------- .16

Lowest bidders.

The lowest bidder on the marble work for the convenience station, Alamo Square, was the Vermont Marble Company, matter referred to Supt. McLaren for report at next meeting.

The Bowers Rubber Works, lowest bidder on the hose, matter referred to Supt. McLaren for report.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the Chairman.

SECRETARY-PARK COMMISSION

San Francisco, May 13, 1915.

Called Meeting

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, May 13th, 1915, at 4:00 P.M.

Were present : Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. S. Greenebaum,
Com. M. E. Cummings,
Absent : Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. C. H. Lindley,

Minutes Adopted

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to the Commissioners, were upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, adopted as the minutes of the meeting held April 28, 1915.

Re Fountain Union Square

A committee of Ladies representing the Society of the Daughters of California Pioneers, consisting of Mesdames Patterson, Healey and Bartell, were present and requested permission to erect a drinking fountain in Union Square, according to drawings submitted.

Referred to Commissioner Cummings and Secretary instructed to obtain the scale of measurements of the fountain from the Architect, without the Peristyle.

Contract for Hose awarded

On motion of Commissioner Cummings, seconded by Commissioner Greenebaum, the Bower's Rubber Works Co. being the lowest bidder on Hose, were awarded the contract; the following members of the Board approved of the award; President Metson, Commissioners Cummings, Greenebaum and Lindley.

Contract for Marble Work awarded

On motion of Commissioner Greenebaum, seconded by Commissioner Cummings and carried, the Vermont Marble Co. being the lowest bidder to furnish marble for the Alamo Square Convenience Station, were awarded the contract; the following

members of the Board having approved the award: President Metson, Commissioners Lindley, Cummings, and Greenebaum.

To Purchase Spray Pump

Suporintendent McLaren, to whom was referred the merits of the different powor spray pumpe, reported that the Bean Spray, manufactured in San Jose, would be the best and cheapest for our purpose.

It consists of a ten horse power engine with Bosch Magneto, and with pinions direct connection to spraying outfit; one four hundred gallon spray tank, with direct underneath suction to pump; one eteol framo ready to receivo tank; one eteel truck with above parts mounted; and including evorything to make the power spray complete, at a total cost of $439.00

On motion of Commissioner Greenebaum, seconded by Commissioners Cummings and carried, Superintendent McLaren was authorized to purchase a ten horse power Bean Spray Pump outfit at a cost of $435.00

Re School Building Balboa Park

Under the head of unfinished business the question of transferring a portion of Balboa Park to the Board of Education for school purposes was again considered, and as President Metson and Commissioner Lindley agreed that the Board of Park Commissioners could not transfer lands dedicated for Park purposes to the Board of Education, to be used for school purposes, the request made by the Board of Supervisors, as per Resolution J. R. No. 1724, must necessarily be refused, and upon motion duly made and seconded and carried, it was so ordered.

Re Wild White Cattle

From Lord Tankerville, thanking Superintendent McLaron, for making the position of the Board

of Park Commissioners so plain. He states that he regrets that these gentlemen have come to a decision which makes it impossible for him to act, and therefore he will not carry out any plans for having the Wild White Cattle trapped this Spring.

The letter being of such special importance the Secretary sent a copy of it to the Acting President previous to the meeting, and also to Commissioner Spreckols who was absent.

In the absence of Commissioner Lindley no action was taken.

From E. H. Grubb

From E. H. Grubb, in which he says anything he can do to be of service, he will willingly do.

Ordered filed.

Applications for positions

From Charles Wagner, of Mabton, Washington; G. Mazeu, Indiana, and F. C. Roberts, Massachusetts; all asking for positions in the Park.

The Secretary informed them that in compliance with Section 2, Article XVI, all employees of the City and County of San Francisco must actually reside in the City and County, and must have so resided for one year next preceding their appointment, and must be citizens of the United States.

Re Elks for Fresno Park Commission.

From Board of Park Commissioners, City of Fresno, enclosing warrant #2568 for $50.00 for the cost of capturing, crating and delivering F.O.B. cars, and asked to be informed by telegram when the Elks are shipped so that they may be on the lookout for them.

The Secretary acknowledged receipt of the $50.00 and deposited same to the credit of the Park Fund with the Treasurer.

Re Report Grand Jury Expert

From S. Adelstein, Chairman of the Grand Jury Committee on Parks, Public Squares and Play-

grounds, in which he states that Mr. R. Pierce, the Grand Jury Expert, had finished experting the Books of the Park Commission, and has found them in excellent shape. Mr. Pierce reports that the bookkeeping method is splendid, the finest method of any department in the City.

Read and ordered filed.

Carload of Trees from San Diego

From J. G. Morley, San Diego, informing Suporintendent McLaren that the Car of trees and shrubs would arrive in San Francisco Wednsday.

Secretary instructed to send the thanks of the members of the Board.

Re Swings

From the Ellery Arms Company attempting to substituto basket Baby Swings instead of chair Swings as ordered.

Secretary instructed to notify them to send nothing but Chair Swings as per ordor.

Request for Information

From O. E. Chambers, Park Department, Toronto, requosting information to Park System of San Francisco.

Referred to Secretary.

Request for reports

From the Univeristy of California relative to Park reports for their file.

Re Wages of Stationary Firemen.

From Stationary Firemen, stating that two members of their Union were not getting the same rate of pay as men similarly employed; $100.00 per month is being paid at the City Pumping Station, the City and County Hospital, the Civic Auditorium and the Asphalt Plant.

Secretary instructed to get a schedule of wages paid its members.

Re Water Question.

North of Panhandle Improvement Club relative to the Water Question, and five resolutions adopted on the question.

Filed.

Re Condemned Fire Horses

Board of Fire Department relative to sending the Park Board two condemned horses as per request.

Secretary instructed to return thanks to the Fire Commissioners.

Re Lynx

From Robertson Brothers offering for sale a Canadian Lynx.

Secretary instructed them that theLynx was not desired.

Re Opening San Diego Stadium

San Diego Stadium Opening Celebration Commission cordially inviting the Members of the San Francisco Board of Park Commission to attend the Celebration.

The Secretary instructed to inform the Secretary of the Commission that some of the members of this Board will no doubt be there.

Re Letter of Thanks

City of Euroka returning thanks for the Pea Hen sent them.

Filed.

Re Dedication of Civic Center.

From Department of Public Works, stating that the Board of Supervisors desires to dedicate the Civic Center on July 4th, and requests that all planting be completed as soon as possible. The Consulting Architects invite Superintendent McLaren to call on them any Monday, Wednsday or Friday for a conference.

Referred to Superintendent McLaren.

Re Hanging Baskets Market Street

Mr.Adolph Uhl reported that he had $2500.00 which he was willing to turn over to the Park Commissioners provided they would agree to care for the hanging baskets attached to the electric poles on Market Street until the Close of the P.P.I.E.

Referred to President Metson.

Re Cricket Grounds

From Henry Ward relative to Cricket Grounds in Golden Gate Park.

Referred to Superintendent McLaren.

Re S. P. Freight Balboa Park

From Balboa Improvement Club relative to Southern Pacific Railroad installing a freight yard in the said Park for the removal of freight.

Secretary instructed to inform the Club that what was being done was with the knowledge and consent of Park Commission and was of great benefit to Balboa Park.

Re Improvement Lincoln Park

Richmond Improvement Club relative to the improvement of Lincoln Park fronting on Clement Street westerly of 34th Avenue, and easterly of 36th Avenue, and requesting a pedestrian entrance at 35th Avenue.

Referred to Superintendent McLaren.

Re Club House

The San Francisco Bowling Club offers to donate $1000.00 for the building of a Club House. Superintendent McLaren was instructed to submit plans for such a structure at the next meeting.

Reports

Report of Superintendent received and recommendations adopted.

Report of Superintondent, Children's Quarters, received and copy to be sent to each Commissioner.

Report of Curator received and filed.

Meeting Adjourned.

Their being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjurned subject to call of the President.

Secretary Park Commission

San Francisco, May 27,1915

Called Meeting

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, May 27th,1915, at 3.30 P.M.

Were present : Pres. W. H. Metson
Com. M. E. Cummings
Com. A. B. Spreckels
Com. S. Greenebaum
Absent : Com. C. H. Lindley

Minutes Adopted

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to the Commissioners, were upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, adopted as amended, as the minutes of the meeting held May 13, 1915.

Com. Lindley
re. White Cattle.

From Commissioner Curtis H. Lindley, relative to the contents of a letter received from Lord Tankerville,(a copy of which was sent to Commissioner Lindley by the Secty.).in which he explains his position,etc.,regarding the proposed shipment of the wild white cattle.

President Metson stated that he desired to communicate with Mr. Currie,at present in England,with the expectation of being able to secure the cattle for San Francisco for the stipulated cost of not over $1000.00

Referred to the President.

A. Uhl
Re. baskets on
Market St.

From Adolph Uhl,enclosing check for $500.00 towards the labor the Park Commissioners are providing for the maintenance of the baskets on the poles on Market St. This payment is on account, the total amount promised is $2500.00. He says that a number of the subscriptions,upon which he relied,and also an appropriation from the city had not yet come to hand. As he received them, additional remittances shall be made.

Secretary stated he had deposited the check with the city treasurer to the credit of the Park Fund.

Re. Convention on City Planting.

From National Conference on City Planting cordially inviting Supt. McLaren to be present at the Detroit meeting, June 7th, 8th and 9th. Secty. instructed to return to them the thanks of the Board, and state that on account of this being the Exposition year, the Superintendent would be unable to attend.

Re. Fountain Union Square.

From John H. Von Ahnden, Architect of the fountain to be erected in Union Square by the Daughters of California Pionoers, enclosing sketch which he thinks will give the required dimensions requested by Com. Cummings, Secty. instructed to inform him that a location had been selected in Union Square but that the Peristyle would have to be eliminated.

Re. Coast erosion.

From the Department of Commerce, concerning coast erosion, referred to Supt. McLaren, and a letter of thanks sent to E. Lester Jones, the writer of the letter.

Re. Coast erosion.

From University of California, who promise to send three volumes of Reports on Coast Erosion, also Allanson-Winn-Sea Coast Erosion, these books are to be loaned for thirty days, unless a longer period is required in which case the Librarian must be notified.

A letter of thanks was ordered sent to the University of California.

Dept. of Education Re. Balboa Park.

From the Department of Education, transmitting a copy of a resolution adopted at their meeting held May 13, 1915, as follows:

> Resolved: That the Board of Education requests the Park Commission to set aside sufficient land, unincumbent by fences, in Balboa Park, for the use of the school Dept.

Secretary was instructed to send copy of letter sent to the Board of Supervisors upon the same request.

The same answer must be made to the Board of Education.

Re. Completion of street work Arguello Boulevard.

From Arguello Boulevard Improvement Club, requesting in a letter dated May 28,1915, that permission be given them to celebrate the completion of the Gate-way, opposite Arguello Boulevard sometime in August. This letter was followed by one of a later date, May 25th, and by the presence at the Board meeting of Cecile M. Sorbier,Secty. of the Club, stating that as the donor of the Gate-way was averse to celebrating the completion of the Gate-way, the Club desired to withdraw that request and substitute the completion of the Boulevard from the Park to the Presidio,and the new entrance to the Park opposite to Arguello Boulevard.

This permission was granted.

Board of Supervisors Re. accident insurance to teamsters.

From Board of Supervisors, City & County of San Francisco.

> Whereas, The City Attorney and the Industrial Accident Com ission of the State have declared the city to be responsible for accidents to drivers of teams employed by the city and county, and
>
> Whereas, The City Attorney has further declared that the city can impose such reasonable conditions as may be desirable, and that it will be perfectly legal to protect the city and county from liability by requiring owners of teams to insure their drivers; therefore
>
> Resolved, That all departments are hereby directed to follow the opinion of the City Attorney and require that all team owners protect the city and county against loss due to accidents by providing indemnity insurance for each such driver.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with instructions to see contractors and have them protect the City of San Francisco,in accordance with the resolution .

Re. Insurance Spooner paintings.

From Rudolph Herold enclosing renewal of the Fire insurance policies on the Spooner collection of paintings in Park Museum.

The policies were accepted and premium ordered paid.

Re. Jitneys in Park.

From Board of Park Commissioners, Nashville, Tenn., relative to jitneys in the Park.
Secretary stated he had answered the communication.

Re. check for shipping Elk.

From J. R. Dalziel to cover expense of shipping two Elks to Zaca Lake, Santa Barbara, Calif., a check for $29.50 for B. W. Stone.
Secretary reports that the check had been deposited to the credit of the Park fund with the treasurer.

Re. Change of Tank.

From the Bean Spray Pump Co. who desired to substitute a 320 gallon tank instead of a 400 gallon tank if agreeable. Supt. McLaren objected and a 400 gallon tank was furnished.
Road and filed.

Re. Coast erosions.

From the Department of Commerce, U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, stating that they had not carried on any investigations looking to remedies for coast erosions and reclaiming of sand beaches.
Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. Wage of firemen.

From Stationary Firemen enclosing a schedule of wages and hours for firemen, the same having been requested by Supt. McLaren, no change has been made in the rate since Feb. 4, 1913 when the schedule was adopted.
Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. headlights to penetrate fog.

From O. Woodbury, relative to headlights that will penetrate the fog.
Referred to President Metson.

Re. prevent annual layoff

From A. J. Gallagher, relative to prevention of annual layoff of laborers in Golden Gate Park during the winter months.
Referred to Secretary.

Report on Milk.

Department of Public Health report on Milk, Cream and Ice Cream used at Children's Quarters.

Read and filed.

Meeting Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned, subject to call of the President.

Secretary Park Commission.

San Francisco, June 10th, 1915.

Called meeting

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge Golden Gate Park, Thursday, June 10th, 1915, at 3:30 P.M.

Present were: Com. A. B. Spreckels,
" Sigmund Greenebaum,
" M. Earl Cummings.

Absent were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. Curtis H. Lindley.

Chairman pro tem.

On motion of Com. Greenebaum, seconded by Com. Cummings, the motion being put by Secretary de Succa, Com. A. B. Spreckels was elected Chairman pro tem.

minutes of June 10th approved July 15 - 1915 - J de S

Minutes adopted.

The Minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to the Commissioners, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, declared adopted as the minutes of the meeting held May 27th.

Re. absence of Pres. Metson.

Pres. Metson sent a written notification that in consequence of his absence from the City he would be unable to attend this meeting.

Ordersd filed.

Re. Union Sq. Fountain.

Mr. J. H. Von Ahnden, the Architect of the proposed drinking fountain to be erected in Union Square by the Daughters of the California Pioneers, was present and expressed a wish to learn the location of the proposed fountain. Com. Cummings informed him that it would be placed just south of the Dewey Monument, that being the Geary Street side of the Square.

Mr. Von Ahnden approved the sits.

Re. Grand Jury Report

A synopsis of the Report of the Committee on Parks, Public Squares and Playgrounds of the Grand Jury reports that Mr. Russsll Pierce, Accountant, assisted by

Mr. Austin, had examined the accounts of the Park Commission for the period from July 1st, 1912 to March 31st, 1915.

Extracts from the report state: "That the system in use is being handles and carried out by competent and intelligent employees, whose painstaking care is very apparent". "All the distribution of the pay roll and material and supplies purchased over a period of thirty three months were found correct, excepting one or two minor clerical errors of no consequence, which speaks very highly for the accounting staff". "All receipts were compared with the receipts of the Treasurer's office and found to be in accordance".

Ordered filed.

Re. Civic Day at the Exposition.

From the office of Mayor Rolph advising that Saturday, June 12th, 1915 would be Civic Day at the Exposition and urging the Park Department to co-operate with the other Departments in making this San Francisco Day at the Fair.

Referred to Supt. McLaren who was instructed to comply with the Mayor's request.

Re. accident to Mrs. Speck,

From Pres. Metson with enclosure from the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, relative to Mrs. M. L. Speck Park Museum employe.

Also from Mr. C. B. Hensley, Statistician of the Industrial Accident Commission, relative to same subject.

Also copy of letter sent to Clerk of the Board of Supervisors by Pres. Metson.

Ordered filed.

Re. bond of Mrs. La Rue.

From Mrs. La Rue, a receipt for the payment of bond as Acting Superintendent of Childrens Quarters which was renewed March 1st, 1915.

Ordered filed.

#3

Re bond of Mrs. I. Collett

From Mrs. I. Collett, a receipt for payment of bond as stenographer and Secretary Park Museum which was renewed March 1st, 1915.

Ordered filed.

Bond of Mrs. Speck.

From Mrs. Martha Speck a bond in the sum of $1000.00 as "Printer at the Park Museum" in the New Amsterdam Casualty Company.

Referred to Pres. Metson.

Request for photo.

From Chas. Zueblin of Boston, requesting a photograph of the Japanese Tea Garden to be used in his revised book "American Municipal Progress".

By instruction the Secretary ordered one from G. Moulin, the photographer, at a cost of $.30 and sent it to the gentleman.

Action approved.

Re. exchange of kangaroos

From the Los Angeles Park Commissioner, H. W. Keller, who desires to exchange some Nilgai Deer for some of the Grey Kangaroos in Golden Gate Park.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Bond of Vermont Marble Company

From VermontMarble Company enclosing bond and contract approved by Pres. Metson.

Certified check ordered returned.

Re. Bowers Rubber Works contract.

From the Bowers Rubber Works enclosing contract for the furnishing of garden hose to Golden Gate Park, approved by Pres. Metson.

Ordered filed.

Re. Grand Jury Report.

From Pres. Metson enclosing letter from Mayor Rolph thanking the President for sending him a copy of the Grand Jury Report on Park Finances.

The Mayor is pleased to see the splendid report given by the Expert Accountant and compliments him and

his Associates on the admirable way in which the finances of the Park and other details of the management have been handled.

Ordered filed.

Re. coast erosion.

From Park Commission, Portland, Oregon, relative to coast erosion. In answer, Mr. Hegardt, the Secretary states that no sea wall construction has been necessary on the work being done by their Commission and he would advise this Board to write to the Chicago Park Commission who have done a great deal of shore protection

Secretary to return thanks for letter received

Re. Musician's Outing.

From the Musicians Union requesting that a notice of their Festival and Family Outing at Shellmound Park on Thursday, July 15th, 1915 be inserted in the Park Program until that date.

Request granted.

Re. Italian Cemetery.

From Edward Brandenstein requesting information as to whether or not the Italian Cemetery title has been settled and if so if the bodies have been ordered removed

Ordered referred to the City Attorney.

Re. Keith Paintings.

From E. W. Harmon, to Pres. Metson stating that "as the Panama Pacific International Expostion Company insures the paintings by Wm. Keith, against accident, theft and fire" they would not be able to use the policies covering these paintings while in the Park Museum.

Pres. Metson expressed regret that the policies could not have been transferred instead of being cancelled at short rates whereby the Insurance Companies were benefited instead of the public.

Ordered filed.

#5

Re. Bunker Hill Day.

From Bunker Hill Association requesting that a patriotic musical program for the Park Band be arranged for June 17th, 1915.

Request granted.

Re. birds.

From H. A. Wilson offering to sell a find collection of California birds in a glass case.

Referred to Academy of Science.

Relative to Jewish Picnic

From the Mayor's office with enclosure from B8nai B'rith Association who desire to celebrate the 12th of October at the Childrens Playground, having in mind holding the festivities in such a form as to have the members bring their children out and join hands with the children of the Jewish Orphan Asylum and thereby all have a good time.

Secretary instructed to inform the President, W. K. Wolff, that his request was granted, but that as October 12th was Columbus Day and a legal holiday, the Park Commissioners could not exclude other children from the attractions of the public playgrounds and consequently all children will be welcomed but will stand on perfect equality and on the principal of first come first served.

Re. Purchase of birds.

From E. W. Miller, Clerk, Nevada State Penitentiary, who desires to buy a good pea fowl, white swan, and geese.

Secretary instructed to refer the communication to Robison Bros., 1260 Market Street.

Re. old newspaper.

From N. M. Clarke who desires to sell and old newspaper, Ulster County Gazette, dated January 4th, 1800 containing the account of the funeral of George Washington.

Referred to Curator Barron.

#6

Re. Members of Park Band.

From Pres. Metson enclosing four lists of Musicians who play on the Park Band on Sunday, with suggestions that we should have these list right along and the names checked off from a list of the Union Band Members.

Secretary instructed to comply with the suggestions of the President.

Re. Forestry.

From the State Forester, relative to tree planting and park maintenance.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Request to park 13th and 14th Avenues.

From A. S. Lillie a petition which relates that the fifteen foot sidewalk on the east side of 14th Avenue and on the west side of 13th Avenue between Lake and Fulton Streets have by ordinance been placed under the jurisdiction of the Park Commission and requesting the Board to improve the said fifteen foot strip by planting lawns and shrubbery.

As the Board of Park Commissioners have received no notice of the Ordinance abolishing the sidewalk by the Board of Supervisors, the Secretary was instructed to investigate the correctness of the statement.

Supt. McLaren's report.

The report of Supt. McLaren was read, adopted and recommendations ordered carried out.

Supt. La Rue's Report

Report of Supt. La Rue of the Childrens quarters received and copies ordered sent to the Commissioners

Re. Sharp Ranch.

By instruction of the Board the Secretary sent the following letter to the Board of Supervisors and a copy of same to the City and County Attorney:

San Francisco, June 14th, 1915

To the Honorable
The Board of Supervisors,
San Francisco.

Gentlemen:

At the last meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners Superintendent John McLaren made the following report which was adopted and the recom-

#7

mendation approved:

"At the request of City and County Attorney Percy V. Long, I took him down to the Sharp Ranch, San Mateo County, Wednesday, June 9th, 1915. I showed him the Sharp property and after waslking along the beach and around the level portion of the Ranch he expressed himself as being much pleased with this Ranch becoming a highly improved City Park. In order to facilitate the transfer to the City he suggests that the Board of Park Commissioners send a request to the Board of Supervisors advising them to accept the magnificent gift. Attorney Long stated that as soon as this communication is filed with the Board of Supervisors he will immediately have the neccsary papers drawn up and the transfer made."

The Board of Park Commissioners instructed the Secretary to write to the Board of Supervisors and request them to accept this magnificent Ranch of four hundred and thirteen acres and $89,000.00 in gold which is offered to the City and County of San Francisco as a gift by Mr. S. G. Murphy and Park Commissioner A. B. Spreckels.

Kindly inform me as soon as convenient of the acceptance of this gift by your Honorable Board.

Very truly yours,

JAMES de SUCCA.

Secretary.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Jas de Succa

Secretary- Park Commissioners,

San Francisco, June 23rd, 1915.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Wednesday, June 23rd, at 3:30 P.M.

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum,

Absent were: Com. Curtis H. Lindley,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. M. Earl Cummings.

No quorum.

There being no quorum of the Board present the following business was considered and disposed of subject to confirmation by the Board at the next succeeding meeting.

Re. white cattle.

From D. O. Lively, Chief Live Stock Department, P.P.I.E., to Supt. McLaren enclosing copy of letter received by him relative to the shipment of cattle from England.

Referred to Pres. Metson.

Re. loan to Museum.

From Mrs. Sophie Wertheimer Ford relative to some specimens loaned to the Park Museum the return of which is now desired by the owner.

Referred to Curator Barron.

Re. coast erosion.

From Board of Public Works with enclosure from Mr. A. E. Rau, Los Angeles, relative to coast erosion.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. transfer of funds.

From the Secretary, Board of Library Trustees, stating that the Trustees would transfer the sum of One thousand Dollars ($1000.00) from the Library Fund to the Park Fund and a further sum of Five hundred Dollars ($500.00) from the Carniegie Fund, being the

amount required for the improvement of the grounds surrounding the Richmond Branch Library as per estimate of cost and plan submitted by Supt. McLaren.

Secretary instructed to inform the Library Trustees that the Board of Park Commissioners accepted the conditions agreed to by Supt. McLaren but the money must be actually transferred to the Park Fund before the work can be commenced.

Re. Market St. baskets.

From Adolph Uhl to Pres. Metson promising to soon remit another $500.00 for the care of the one hundred baskets on Market Street. He also states that should he fail to collect the full amount, $2500.00, he will notify the Board to have the care of the baskets discontinued.

Filed.

Sidewalks abolished.

From the Board of Supervisors, copy of amended Ordinance No.1061, which abolishes the sidewalks on the westerly side of 13th Avenue and on the easterly side of 14th Avenue from Fulton Street to the northerly termination, and provides that the width of the sidewalks on the westerly side of 14th Avenue between Fulton Street and the northerly termination shall be fifteen feet.

Ordered filed.

Curator's report.

Report of Curator Barron read and filed.

Supt. La Rue's report.

Report of Supt. LaRue for the month of May read and copies ordered sent the Commissioners.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary-Park Commissioners

San Francisco, July 15th, 1915.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, July 15th, 1915 at 3:30

Present were: Com. Curtis H. Lindley.
Com. A. B. Spreckels, .
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum.

Absent were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. M. Earl Cummings.

Chairman pro tem.

In the absence of Pres. Metson, Com. Spreckels moved that Com. Curtis H. Lindley be elected Chairman pro tem. Motion seconded by Com. Greenebaum, put by the Secretary and was declared carried by the votes of Commissioners Spreckels and Greenebaum.

Minutes adopted.

The minutes of the meeting held June 10th, copies of which were sent to each Commissioner, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried declared adopted as the minutes of the meeting held June 10th, 1915.

Minutes adopted.

At a called meeting of the Board held June 23, 1915 no quorum was present. Pres. Metson and Com. Greenebaum however disposed of the routine of business subject to the approval of the Board at its next succeeding meeting which was held July 15th, 1915 at which time the acts of Pres. Metson and Com. Greenebaum were ratified and approved and the minutes of the meeting held June 23rd, copies of which were sent to each Commissioner, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried adopted as the minutes of the meeting held June 23rd, 1915.

#2

Re. Spring Valley pipe line across Golden Gate Park.

Mr. J. E. Behan, Secretary Spring Valley Water Company, appeared before the Board and requested permission "To lay and maintain a pipe line across Golden Gate Park from the point of junction of 19th Ave. and Lincoln Way with the southerly line of Golden Gate Park to the point of junction of 23rd Ave. and Fulton Street with the northerly line of said Park", for the purpose of supplying the inhabitants of the Richmond District with water; work to be performed under the supervision and to the satisfaction of Supt. John McLaren and that two drinking fountains be located along the route as directed by Supt. McLaren.

Upon motion of Com. Spreckels, seconded by Com. Greenebaum, the request of the Secretary of the Spring Valley Water Company was granted subject to the supervision and satisfaction of the Superintendent of Parks.

Re. proposed Church St. R. R.

A Committee of ladies and gentlemen, residents of Church Street and the vicinity thereof, presented a petition bearing a large number of signatures protesting against the use of any portion of Mission Park by the proposed Church Street Municipal Railroad.

The Committee was informed by Chairman Lindley that as yet no request had been made to the Park Board for the privilege they were protesting against and that before granting such a privilege they would be notified and given an opportunity to fully express their objections.

Wm. Altman to assist Academy of Science.

Serg. J. W. Moffitt appeared before the Board on behalf of the California Academy of Science and asked that the Board of Park Commissioners grant Asst. Curator Wm. Altman permission to absent himself from his duties in the Park Memorial Museum for a period not exceeding thirty days, for the purpose of assisting in arranging

the collection of Indian baskets in their new building in the Park; the building and exhibits contained therein belong to the public.

The Board readily granted the request.

Re. Italian Cemetery.

From City and County Attorney Percy V. Long, relative to the title of the Italian Cemetery, stating that the title of the said land was in the City and County of San Francisco.

Secretary instructed to send copy of the letter to Edward Brandenstein who requested the information.

Re. Rowdyism in Union Square.

From Julius Rudolph, 1549 Jones Street, a petition with twenty one signatures calling attention to "the acts of rowdyism by boys in Union Square, between the hours of 12 and 1 P.M."

Secretary instructed to send copy of letter to Chief of Police D. A. White.

Check for care of Market St. baskets.

From Adolph Uhl enclosing second check for $500.00 from the Down Town Association to pay for maintaining the baskets on Market Street poles.

Secretary informed the Board that he had received the money and deposited same to the credit of the Park Fund in the City Treasury.

Orchids offered for sale.

From the Philippine Board, P.P.I.E., offering for sale their exhibit of orchids, consisting of 1974 plants of fifty one varieties for $10,000. at the close of the Exposition.

Secretary instructed to notify the Philippine Board that our finances would not permit the expenditure of such a large sum of money for orchids.

Paper of 1800 rejected.

From Mrs. K. Peterson, offering for sale the Ulster County Gazette, containing an account of the death of George Washington , dated Jan. 4th, 1800.

#4

Curator Barron declared it of no value because of his belief that it was a reprint and Secretary instructed to inform the lady it was not desired.

To hold meeting in Park.

From the International Exposition Eisteddfod, asking permission to occupy the small knoll opposite Hayes Street in Golden Gate Park for the purpose of holding a brief session in the open air, something after the ceremony of the ancient Druids, in the last week of July on Tuesday and Thursday.

Request granted.

Reports sent to visiting Japs.

From the Japanese Business Men's Association asking for a Park report for [illegible] of the seven members of the City Council of Osaka, Japan who are here visiting the World's Fair.

Secretary informed the Board that he had sent each a report for which the Councilmen returned their thanks.

Letter of thanks.

From the World's Fair Committee of the Swedish American Patriotic League of California [illegible] the Park Commission for the Swedish music rendered during Swedish Week.

Letter of thanks.

From Chas. Zueblin, Esq., [illegible] the Park Commissioners for the "splendid [illegible] the Japanese Tea Garden" the cost of which was thirty cents, ordered from Gabriel Moulin, the photographer for Mr. Zueblin.

Ordered filed.

Check for wool

From Jos. W. Salz with check for [illegible] for 326 pounds of wool at 20½c per lb.

Secretary reported that he had deposited the same to the credit of the Park Fund.

#5

Re. sanitary toilets

From the Department of Public Health relative to sanitary toilets needed near the Haight Street entrance to the Park.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. Horticultural Palace, P.P.I.E.

From the East of Fillmore Street Improvement Association, "who believe in the perpetuation of that striking building with the great dome known as the Horticultural Palace".

Secretary instructed to notify the Association to take up the subject matter with the Directors of the P.P.I.E.

Re. Musical Program.

From the Thompson Rosener Co., making application for the privilege of publishing a program, containing advertising matter for the Sunday afternoon concerts for which they agree to pay $100.00 per month.

Chairman Lindley told Mr. Thompson, who was present, that the Board's experiences in the past with other publishers, have made the members of the Board determined in their opposition to granting the privilege in the future.

Re. Lobos Square.

The Board instructed Supt. McLaren to prepare for the restoration of Lobos Square to the Park Commission at the conclusion of the Exposition.

Re. colonnade at Union Square.

The Superintendent was instructed to arrange for the clearing away of the colonnade left in Union Square by the National Electric Light Association after their celebration and which they promised to have removed during the week ending June 12th, 1915.

Re. swimming pool.

From the Golden Gate Park Federation of Improvement Clubs stating that complaints had come to them that the water was hardly ever changed in the lake used for a swimming pool in Golden Gate Park.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

#6

Re. California poppy.

From the Golden Gate Park Federation of Improvement Clubs requesting that preparations and arrangements be made so that the California Poppy may be planted along the south side of Golden Gate Park for the coming season.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Request for information.

From interested citizens of Richmond, Va., who desire to know if parks and playgrounds in a residential section depreciate, enhance or do not effect materially the values of the adjoining property?

Referred to Superintendent McLaren.

Supt. McLaren's report.

Report of Supt. McLaren for the month of June, 1915, adopted and recommendations approved.

Curator's report.

Report of Curator Barron read and filed.

Supt. LaRue's report.

Report of Supt. LaRue of the Childrens Playground read and copies ordered sent the Park Commissioners.

ADJOURNED.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the Chairman.

Secretary-Park Commissioners.

San Francisco, July 29th, 1915.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, July 29th, 1915

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,

Absent were: Com. Curtio H. Lindley,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum.

Minutes adopted.

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to the Commissioners, were upon motion duly made, seconded and carried adopted as the minutes of the meeting held July 15th, 1915.

Re. Spring Valley Water Company pipe line.

From the Spring Valley Water Company submitting for the files of the Park Commission, a copy of the form of deed for execution on the part of the President and Secretary of the Park Commission, in accordance with the Board's action at a previous meeting. Also the bond of the Hartford Accidsnt and Indemnity Company of Hartford, Conn., to ths Park Commissioners in the sum of five thousand dollars ($5000.00).

Theso documents were referred to Pres. Metson.

Sale of catalogues.

From Curator Barron depositing with the Secretary the sum of $123.29 received by employees of the Museum during the months of April, May, June to July 25, 1915 for the sale of catalogues at the Museum.

Secretary acknowledged receipt of the same and deposited the amount to the credit of the Park Fund.

Action approved.

Re. Esplanade at Beach.

From Supervisor Wm. H. McCarthy to President Metson relative to building the esplanade along the Great Highway. One thousand dollars ($1000.00) has been set

aside for the plans and fifty thousand dollars ($50,000.) to build the Esplanade as far as the money will go; the Park Commissioners to provide for a roadway to consist of a sidewalk, shrubbery or flowers and a forty foot asphalt drive.

Ordered filed.

Re. Huntington Park.

From the Board of Supervisors enclosing Resolution No. 11950 transferring by deed of gift to the City and County of San Francisco the certain property situate and bounded on the north by Sacramento Street, on the east by Cushnan Street and on the west by Taylor Street, of dimensions 170 feet by 275 feet for Park purposes and in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 3156 (New Series) the same is hereby placed under the control and management of the Park Commissioners under the provisions of the Charter, adopted July 12, 1915.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried the control and management of the said land was formally accepted and Supt. McLaren instructed to proceed to improve the same.

Re. rowdyism in Union Square.

From D. A. White, Chief of Police, relative to rowdyism in Union Square stating that officers have been stationed in the Park with instructions to stop all rowdyism.

Ordered filed.

Re. Cole St. crossing.

From the North of Panhandle Improvement Club petitioning the Board to improve the crossing of Cole Street through the Panhandle by having constructed thereon a bituminous rock pavement.

Referred to Supt. McLaren who was instructed to carry out the instructions of the Board to close the said crossing given him at a meeting held July 23, 1914.

Letter of thanks.

From the National Electric Light Association, tendering warmest thanks of the Association to the Park Commissioners for their hospitality and courtesies extended.

Ordered filed.

Re. Beethoven monument.

From the German American Auxiliary announcing in a letter dated July 28th, 1915 that on Friday August 6th, 1915 at 10 A.M. the statue of music surmounted by a bust of Ludwig Von Beethoven which the New York Maennerchor has presented as a gift to the City and County of San Francisco will be dedicated in the Music Concourse in Golden Gate Park extending an invitation to the Park Commissioners to be present.

In another letter of the same date Mr. Edward Delger asks whether or not it would be possible for them to have the complimentary services of the Park Band on this occasion.

The request was granted and the Secretary instructed to notify the Leader of the Park Band to play on the said occasion .

Re. loan of animals to Santa Cruz.

From the City of Santa Cruz requesting the loan of a pair of elk and a psir of buffalo.

This loan was granted provided the cost of crating and shipping is paid for by the City of Santa Cruz.

Re. Holly Park.

From the Holly Park Improvement Club requesting a new drinking fountain for Holly Park.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. Grizzly bears.

From the University of California asking for the history of the Grizzly bear in Califcrnia.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. 13th Ave.

From the Park Richmond Improvement Club relative to complaints received by them that the slope on the 13th Avenue side facing the Panhandle between

Anza and Fulton Street is in a terrible condition.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. golf links.

From Wright and Ditson, requesting descriptive matter covering the golf links at Lincoln Park, and photographs of the same.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. I.O.B.B celebration

From District Grand Lodge No. 4, I.O.B.B. stating that their celebration that was to have taken place in Golden Gate Park on October 21th would be postponed to a later date on account of October 12th being a legal holiday (Columbus Day).

Ordered filed.

Letter of thanks.

From Fort Stanwix Canning Co., Rome, N.Y., thanking Pres. Metson for having ordered one of the last Park Reports sent them.

Ordered filed.

Report on milk and cream.

From the Department of Public Health, relative to samples of cream used at the Childrens Playground.

Ordered filed.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

SECRETARY PARK COMMISSION.

San Francisco, August 12th, 1915.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, August 12th, 1915

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. Curtis H. Lindley,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum.

Minutes approved.

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to the Commissioners, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, adopted as the minutes of the meeting held July 29th, 1915.

Re. proposed Church Street Municipal R.R.

There being large delegations present for and against the plan of the City Engineer to run the Church Street Municipal Railway through the westerly end of Mission Park, Pres. Metson called upon Mr. Ransome, who represented City Engineer O'Shaughnessy. Mr. Ransome stated that on February 17th, 1915 the Board of Supervisors directed the Board of Public Works to prepare plans and specifications for the construction of a double track street railway along Church Street to Eighteenth Street thence by a diversion through the westerly side of Mission Park to 20th and Church Streets, thence along Church Street to 30th St. He said the diversion into Mission Park was necessary to avoid the steep grades on Church Street over which it would be impossible to operate electric street cars with safety.

The road, if constructed according to the plans submitted will be rather ornamental than otherwise.

Mr. S. McAtee, Asst. Secretary to the Mayor, informed the Board that Mayor Rolph is in favor of the plan submitted by the City Engineer. The people re-

quire transportation facilities at once as the section is already well populated.

A representative of the Mission Promotion assn., stated that the plans now offered by the City Engineer had been approved by his Association, by the Board of Supervisors and by Mayor James Rolph, Jr., and were considered the only practical solution of how to overcome the steep grades on Church Street.

The Mission Heights Improvement Club, by J. H. MC Clernon, its president, sent in a petition with about eight hundred names, requesting the Board of Park Commissioners to disregard any and all protests against the use of the strip of land on and along the westerly edge of Mission Park for municipal railroad purposes, it being the only practical method of constructing the road alongside the said portion of Church Street, viz. 18th to 20th Street and stating that the request of City Engineer O'Shaughnessy should be granted.

Mr. Long said he had lived opposite Mission Park for thirty years and that the railroads would be no more dangerous than the cars that run through Jefferson Park on Turk Street and that two thirds of the slopes would still remain for the benefit of the children.

Mrs. E. M. Rentschler presented a protest against the railroad with ninety five names upon it in which they request the Board of Park Commissioners to prohibit the use of any part or portion of Mission Park by the Church Street branch of the Municipal Railroad because it will not only destroy the beauty of the Park but will be a constant menace to the lives of young and old who congregate there, also to do so would be to violate the Charter as Mission Park was dedicated for Park purposes only.

The Church Street Railroad (Non-Assessment) League

said to represent twenty seven hundred members, represented by Mrs. E. M. Rentschler, presented a protest against the encroachment of the Church Street Railroad on Mission Park. They wish to substitute plan No.7 which they claim to be safe, feasible, and economical for a railroad over and on Church Street.

After all persons who desired to do so, had spoken for and against the proposition, Com. Curtis H. Lindley stated that he was not sufficiently informed upon the merits of the two plans nor of the merits of the protests against the City Engineer's plan no submitted, and that he desired an opportunity to acquaint himself with the lay of the ground and to examine into the statement made that Mission Park could not be used for any but park purposes, declaring however that is such was the case the land could still be condemned if the people required it as a public necessity.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried final action was deferred until the next meeting of the Board.

Re. Civic Center Plaza.

From the Board of Supervisors forwarding Resolution No. 12009 (new series) approved August 2nd, 1915 which reads as follows:

> "WHEREAS, The Board of Public Works has advised that the Civic Center Plaza has been satisfactorily completed and accepted by said Board of Public Works by its Resolution passed July 14th, 1915, therefore be it
>
> RESOLVED, That the said Civic Center Plaza bounded by Polk, McAllister, Larkin and grove Streets be and is hereby set aside and dedicated for park purposes, and the same is hereby transferred and assigned to the control and management of the Park Commission.

The Board formally accepted the management and control of the Plaza.

Re. paintings of Mayors.

From the Board of Supervisors forwarding Resolution No. 1883 J.R. Adopted August 2nd, 1915 which reads as follows:

"WHEREAS, A communication was received from Geo. A. Weeden submitting a proposal to furnish oil paintings of the respective Mayors of the City and County of San Francisco for a period of years dating from 1850 to and including 1915 consecutively for the price of $100 per each portrait, including an artistic frame, and

WHEREAS, It is deemed wise and appropriate that such portraits should be the property and possession of the City, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the said Geo. A. Weeden be and is hereby authorized and ordered ti reproduce in oil the portraits of the last five Mayors of the City and County of San Francisco in accordance with his proposal submitted, provided, however, that the acceptance by the City of the said portrait painting, shall be dependent upon the approval of the Board of Park Commissioners in accordance with the provisions of Section X of Article XIV of the Charter, and further

RESOLVED, That the Finance Committee be and is hereby requested to make available the sum of $500, to be expended for said purpose.

Referred to Com. M. Earl Cummings.

Re. financial statement.

From Thos. F. Boyle, Auditor, advising the Board of Park Commissioners that the financial statement for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1915, sent him from the office of the Park Commission has been checked off and agrees with the Auditor's books to a cent.

Ordered filed.

Re. geese from Alaska.

From the Secretary of the Department of the Interior in answer to a letter received by him from Pres. W. H. Metson relative to procuring ptarmigan and emperor geese from Alaska for Golden Gate Park, in which he states that permits for the shipment of birds from that territory are granted by the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture to whom Pres. Metson's letter

was referred.

Secretary instructed to acknowledge letter with thanks.

Permit to capture and ship brids from Alaska.

From Mr. C. F. Marvin, Acting Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, in which he states that in accordance with the letter sent him from the Department of the Interior written by Pres. Metson he encloses a permit authorizing the capture and shipment of twelve ptarmigan and twelve emperor geese.

Pres. Metson instructed the Secretary to write to Mr. Lindeberg, Nome, Alaska, and send him the permit.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the President receive a vote of thanks for the great interest he has taken in securing these rare birds for Golden Gate Park.

Salaries increased.

It was moved by Com. Spreckels, seconded by Com. Greenebaum and carried that the salary of Supt. John McLaren be raised to Five hundred Dollars per month and that the salaries of George H. Barron, Curator and Wm. Altmann, Asst. Curator of the Park Memorial Museum be increased Twenty five Dollars per month each.

Re. plans for play-house, Huntington Park.

From Stephen Child, Landscape Architect, submitting plans for a three sotry apartment play house to be erected in Huntington Park.

Secretary instructed to notify him that a public park, used exclusively for playground purposes, does not come under the jurisdiction of the Park Commission.

Re. purchase of animals and birds.

From Baker Iron Works, Los Angeles, offering to sell a number of animals and birds. Secretary instructed to state that a lack of funds will prevent the purchase of any animals or birds at present.

Re. tree planted by Wm. McKinley.

From Asst. Secretary to Mayor Rolph with enclosure from "J.W.J." requesting that the tree planted in Union Square by Pres. Wm. McKinley be designated by an appropriate card so that the visiting easterners may locate same.

Referred to Supt. McLaren who was instructed to comply with the request.

Re. to pergola in Union Square.

From Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, enclosing copy of program for August 21st, 1915 which provides for the taking of a photograph of the Dewey Monument in Union Square at 12 O'clock Noon and request that the pergola be removed before that time.

Secretary instructed to notify the Fraternity that the structure has already been removed.

Re. Road Congress.

From the Pan-American Road Congress cordially inviting the members of the Park Board to attend the Congress to be held in Oakland September 13th to 17th.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. over-hanging tree limbs.

From the United Railroads Company calling attention to over-hanging limbs of trees bordering Precita Avenue Park and advising that they be sufficiently trimmed to insure the safety of passengers in case the car windows are broken.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. Lincoln Park Club House.

From F. P. Walsh who states he paid a small fee for the care of his golf sticks at Lincoln Park and when he called for same they were not to be found.

Secretary instructed to notify him that the Park Commissioners kept no attendant there to take care of golf sticks and have no jurisdiction over the Club House.

Re. water used

From the Department of Public Health enclosing

copy of analysis of water samples taken from various stations in Golden Gate Park. As the analysis from the Dutch Windmill and Pumping Station both contain Cole Communis Bacilli, which is evidence of sewer contamination, the installation of Spring Valley Water at all public drinking fountains in the Park is recommended.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. Road on Great Highway.

From Dibble Bros. who petition the Board to construct a roadway connecting the higher and lower drives of the Great Highway at the intersection of Taraval Street, they to pay all expenses for such construction.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. Cole Street Crossing.

From the Haight and Ashbury District Improvement Association requesting "that as Stanyan Street was paved with bitumen the Board of Park Commissioners proceed with Cole Street along the same lines, as soon as feasible".

The Secretary was instructed to notify the Association that after the paving of Stanyan Street with bitumen the Superintendent was instructed to close the Cole Street crossing, except to pedestrians and as it had not yet been closed he was directed to do so as soon as possible.

The Associations's complaint relative to poison oak in Buena Vista Park was referred to Supt. McLaren.

Gift of Bernard Nathan to Museum.

"Copy of an extract taken from the acts of the Royal County Court of Dresden (5N. Reg. Na 7/15), concerning the opening of the testament of the private citizen Bernard Nathan.

"I, Bernard Nathan, of the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, now a citizen of United State of America, residing at present at Dresden, Germany, being in full possession of my mental faculties and

not influenced by threats, fraud or any undue influence, on the part of any person, state and declare the following as my last will:

Art. I. All my debts that can be legally proved, and all the expenses of my burial shall be paid from my inheritance.

Art. II. Herewith I bequeath the following sums of money to the persons mentioned below: -----

Art. IV. The Board of Park Commissioners of the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, receive gratis my case containing a collection of antique platers, cups, etc., as well as a collection of silver souvenir spoons to be preserved in the Museum, Golden Gate Park, under the name and known as "Bernard and Deborah Nathan Gift".

Art. V.----

Art. VII. I appoint F. W. Dohrman, Sr., of the City and County of San Francisco, California and Louis Schlesinger Dresden, my executors, etc., etc., If F. W. Dohrman, Sr. declines to serve as executor then I nominate and appoint A. B. C. Dohrman. "

As the letter was written in German the Secretary was instructed to have the same translated, which was done by George H. Barron, Curator of the Park Museum and the answer to letter was forwarded to Pres. Metson for his approval.

Supt. McLaren's report.

Report of Supt. McLaren read and approved and recommendations ordered carried out.

Supt. La Rue's Report.

Report of Supt. La Rue received and copies ordered sent to each Commissioner.

Adjourned.

There being no further business the Board adjourned subject to call of the President.

Secretary Park Commission

San Francisco, August 26th, 1915.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held August 26th, 1915 at their office Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park,

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. H. Earl Cummings,
Com. Curtis H. Lindley,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum,
Com. A. F. Spreckels.

Minutes adopted.

The minutes of the meeting held August 12th, copies of which were sent to each Commissioner, were upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, adopted as the minutes of the meeting held Aug. 12th, 1915.

RE. CHURCH STREET RAILROAD.

From the "Committee of Ladies" giving additional reasons why Mission Park should not be used by the Church Street Railway.

Ordered filed.

From the Civic League of Improvement Clubs petitioning the Board to permit the construction of the Church Street Railway tracks on the portion of Mission Park requested by the Board of Public Works.

Ordered filed.

The question of granting the request of the Board of Public Works for a right of way through Mission Park for the Church Street Municipal Railroad was, on motion of Com. Lindley, seconded by Mr. Spreckels and carried, referred to City and County Attorney Percy V. Long in the following resolution:

Hon. Percy V. Long,
City and County Attorney,
San Francisco.

Dear Sir:

WHEREAS, the Board of Park Commissioners desire to be advised as to their power to grant an easement of a portion of Mission Park as requested by the Board of Public Works, giving the latter Board the right to use all or any part of the land west of the east line of plat presented by the Board of Public Works for the Church Street Railway now contemplated.

THEREFORE, the Secretary is requested to ask the City and County Attorney for such an opinion.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the application heretofore made by the Board of Public Works that a part of Mission Park be set aside for street railroad purposes, adjoining the east side of Church Street as described, on the east line of the plat submitted, be granted and set over to the Board of Public Works.

Provided, however that the City and County Attorney renders an opinion to the effect that the Board of Park Commissioners have authority and power to grant the request of the Board of Public Works.

Carried unanimously. //

Re. Cole Street crossing.

A committee from the Haight & Ashbury Improvement Assn., was present to protest against the closing of Cole Street crossing through the Panhandle. It was declared that the crossing had been opened for forty five years and that fifty business men, having delivery wagons, used the crossing many times a day and that if closed it would cause them a great loss of time to go to the Stanyan Street crossing.

Mr. Ed. Keil suggested the opening of Masonic Avenue as the most logical crossing, it being in the center of

the Panhandle where it will accommodate the largest number of vehicles. He protested against more than one crossing as the Panhandle is the Nursery of the Park and it would endanger the lives of mothers and children who use the Panhandle.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the closing of the Cole Street crossing be taken under advisement.

Re. Spring Valley Water Co. Bond.

From the Spring Valley Water Company to Pres. Metson informing him that they would amend the indemnity in accordance with his request so as to insure the members of the Park Commission from any and all liability arising in connection with the doing of the work of laying the main across Golden Gate Park.

Bond approved by Pres. Metson.

Re. Railroad across Golden Gate Park.

From the Haight and Ashbury Improvement Assn. tendering their unqualified support in the Board's objection to building the municipal road across Golden Gate Park.

Secretary instructed to notify the Association that there was not, at this time, any request of that nature before the Board.

Re. autos exceeding speed limit in Park.

From Pres. Metson to Chief of Police informing him that between the hours of 11 and 1:30 at night automobiles have gotten into the habit of [illegible] through Golden Gate Park at a high rate of speed and requesting better police protection for the people [illegible] the property that is being injured by the [illegible].

Letter approved.

Re. slopes in Panhandle.

From Park Richmond Improvement Club with reference to the slopes of the Panhandle on the west side of 13th Avenue and the slopes of the east side of 14th Avenue which need attention.

Referred to Supt. McLaren to report as to the cost of improving the said land.

Grounds in Civic Center transferred to Park Board.

From the Board of Supervisors enclosing copy of Resolution No.12043 (New series), which reads as follows:

> RESOLVED, That in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Public Works, filed August 5, 1915, the ground surrounding the Civic Center Power House situate at the northeast corner of McAllister and Larkin Streets, be and the same is hereby transferred to the custody and control of the Board of Park Commissioners.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried the ground surrounding the Civic Center Power House was formally accepted by the Board of Park Commissioners and referred to Supt. McLaren to report cost of improvements.

Re. policy on Spoondr Collection.

From Rudolph Herold, Jr., enclosing policy No. 63072 California Insurance Company covering the Spooner collection of paintings.

Policy accepted and bill ordered paid.

Plans for playhouse.

From Stephen Child requesting a return of his plans suggesting a three story play house on Huntington Park.

Secretary stated they had been returned.

Exposition Marathon Race.

From the Exposition Athletic Committee stating that on August 28th, 1915 an International Marathon Race will be started from the Exposition Stadium and requesting permission to put up a few flags to mark the course along the North Drive in Golden Gate Park.

Request granted.

Re. water for Academy of Science.

From the California Academy of Science requesting that their building be supplied with park water service as the Spring Valley Water Company's pressure is not sufficient to deliver water on the roof.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. common names of trees.

From Teresa M. Slattery ouggesting that the "common names" of trees in Golden Gate Park be given as well as the botanical names.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary-Park Commission.

San Francisco, Sept. 16th, 1915.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Sept. 16th, 1915 at 4 P.M.

Present were: Pres. W.H. Metson,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum,
Com. A.B. Spreckels,
Com. M. Earl Cummings.

Absent: Com. Curtis H. Lindley.

Minutes adopted.

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to each Commissioner, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, adopted as the minutes of the meeting held August 26th, 1915.

Re. Opinion of City Attorney Re. Church St. R.R. through Mission Park.

The Opinion of the City and County Attorney to whom was referred a resolution relative to the proposed Church Street Municipal Railroad through Mission Park, adopted Aug. 26th, 1915, was received and which reads as follows:

September 1st, 1915.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your communication of the 26th of August, 1915, as follows:

"Whereas the Board of Park Commissioners desire to be advised as to their power to grant an easement of a portion of Mission Park as requested by the Board of Public Works, giving the latter Board the right to use all or any part of the land West of the East line of the Plat presented by the Board of Public Works for the Church Street Railway now contemplated. Therefore our Secretary is requested to ask the City and County Attorney for such opinion."

OPINION:

"Mission Block 86 was purchased by the City and County of San Francisco on the 6th day of March, 1905, for the sum of $152,000 from the Congregation Emanu-El and the Eureka Benevolent Association Corporations, and Mission Block 87 was purchased at the same time for $140,000 from the Congregation Sherith Israel, a corporation.

These lands were acquired under and in pursuance ofthe terms of Ordinance 708, adopted by

the Board of Supervisors on the 13th day of April, 1903, and approved by the Mayor the same day. Said ordinance declared that the public interest and necessity demand the acquisition by the City and County of lands for an additional public park in that portion of the City and County known as the "Mission", and thereafter bonds in the sum of $292,000 were voted by the people for said purpose.

The deeds under and by which the City and County acquired said properties, conveyed the fee simple title thereto, free from all incumbrances, and without any terms, conditions or limitations as to the use of said properties by the City and County.

Section 6 of Article XVI of the Charter, prohibits the Commissioners from leasing any part of the parks, etc., under their control, to any person, company or corporation for any purpose except that they are empowered by Section 9 to lease to the State of California ground for an exposition building and by Section 12 the California Academy of Sciences is granted permission to erect and maintain in Golden Gate Park a museum building.

The Commissioners are authorized to lease for a peroid not greater than one year, such buildings as may be constructed by the Board for the use of the public.

The Commissioners are authorized, also, to permit the use, for a limited time by the Panama Pacific International Exposition Company of a certain portion of Golden Gate Park and all of Lobos Square for exposition purposes.

The provisions of the Charter here pointed out, prohibit the Board from leasing any part of the public parks to private persons; there is no prohibitary language contained therein as far as the City and County itself is concerned. I do not mean to imply, however, that the City and County could be granted permission by the Board, of the use of said parks for any and all purposes. The right to such use is a limited one and it must be such a use as is consistent with the use of the park by the public for recreation and pleasure. For instance, the Supreme Court, in the case of Spires v. Los Angeles, 150 Cal. held that the City of Los Angeles had the right to erect a library building in Central Park in that City, and in the case of Harter v. San Jose, 141 Cal. 659 the same Court held that the City of San Jose had the right to erect an hotel in Alum Rock Park, observing, "We are not prepared to say that the public authorities in this case did not have the authority to make the contemplated lease under their general power to control and manage the park"----and quoting from Gushee v. City of New York 42 App. Div. 37, 58 N.Y. Supp. 967, in which the Court said, "that in the control and management of the public parks of a great city it is perfectly proper to furnish not only such innocent amusements as may enhance the pleasure of those who resort to the parks, but such opportunities for rest and refreshment for themselves and their animals as may be required will not ve disputed." The doing of these things is no part of the public duty imposed upon municipal corporations as the agent of the state in the performance of its governmental functions, but rather a part of

the business of the city, which it may or may not undertake in its private capacity, as the owner of the lands which have been set apart for park purposes.

In a case directly involving the construction of a street railroad in Golden Gate Park, People v. Park and Ocean R.R. Company, 76 Cal. 156, the Court said at p. 162:

> "A railroad in a public park, constructed and managed as in the case at bar, may be a nuisance calling for the intervention of the supreme power of the state to conserve the rights of the general public; or it may be a medium of ingress, egress and transportation essential to the full enjoyment by the people of the privileges and blessings accorded them in the creation and dedication of such park."

In my opinion, after reviewing the authorities, your Honorable Board possesses the power and authority to grant the easement mentioned in your communication, as desired by the Board of Public Works, for the so-called Church Street Railway.

Respectfully,

(signed) PERCY V. LONG.

City Attorney.

At a previous meeting the Board of Park Commissioners decided to grant the request of the Board of Public Works to divert the proposed Church Street Municipal Railway through the westerly end of Mission Park, provided the City and County Attorney rendered an opinion to the effect that the Board of Park Commissioners have the power and authority to grant such request. As the City and County Attorney has replied in the affirmative, the Park Board confirmed its action of August 26th and instructed the Secretary to notify the Board of Public Works that their request was granted. //

Re. railroad across Golden Gate Park.

The following resolution was presented by Pres. Metson, seconded by Com. Sprockels and carried unanimously:

> WHEREAS, The Board of Park Commissioners have seen advocated in the public press the building of a railroad across Golden Gate Park
>
> RESOLVED, That it is the sense of the Park Com-

missioners that it will be detriment to the people to build a railroad of any kind across Golden Gate Park.

Re. Church Street Railroad.

From the City Engineer M. M. O'Shaughnessy thanking the Board of Park Commissioners for their courtesy in the matter of granting the Bpard of Public Works permission to use a portion of the westerly end of Mission Park for the Church Street Railway.

Ordered filed.

Re. protection of Ocean Beach

From C. P. Moon to Pres, Metson relative to the use of compressed air to protect the Ocean Beach.

Copy of communication ordered sent each Commissioner

Re. Bernard Nathan's Will.

From A. B. C. Dohrman to Pres. Metson stating that the Will of Bernard Nathan had already been filed here and that he had full particulars of the collection on file and that he would look after the Park Museum end of it.

Secretary instructed to return the thanks of the Board for his interest in the matter.

Re. soil and rails of Panama Canal.

From Mayor's Office with enclosure from D. de Barrows who desires to sell a collection of strattas of soil and pieces of rails from the Panama Canal and case of butterflies, Panama coins, etc.

Secretary instructed to inform the gentleman that lack of funds prevents the Board from purchasing the collection at present.

From Chief White re. complaints.

From Chief White to Pres. Metson relative to complaints coming from the Childrens Quarters regarding the behavior of certain degenerates and also relative to speeding through the Park between the hours of eleven and half after twelve at night, and stating that he would detail an officer to look after the people.

Ordered filed.

Re. Railroad across Golden Gate Park.

From the Haight and Ashbury Improvement Association protesting against the building of a Municipal Railroad across Golden Gate Park from 10th Avenue and Fulton Street to 14th Ave. and Lincoln Way.

Copy of Resolution on this subject adopted at this meeting was ordered sent to the Association.

Re. luncheon place near or in Academy of Science.

From Mrs. C. B. Hunter toSupt. McLaren in which she asks for permission to erect a tent and serve light luncheon near the Academy of Science Building or a room in the basement of the said building for that purpose.

Secretary instructed to inform the lady that her application was against the Park Ordinances; and as the Park Commission have no control over the Building she might apply to the Directors of the Academy of Science.

Re. cooking on Beach.

From Supervisor Oscar Hocks requesting for Mr. A.L. Dilley, 1565 Dolores Street, permission to cook coffee on the beach about once a month for his family.

Secretary instructed to inform him that the request was against the Park Ordinances.

Sale of lambs.

From H. Danz, with check for Seventy three Dollars ($73.00) being for the sale to him of a number of lambs and ewes.

Sale approved.

Re. Taraval Square.

From Parkside Improvement Association requesting to know if there are any funds set aside for the improvement of the public square in the district situate on Taraval Street and 23rd Avenue and if any immediate work will be done.

Referred to Supt. McLaren for report.

Re. coin controlled locks.

From the Pacific Coin Lock Co., suggesting that they be allowed to equip two toilet booths in one of our public comfort stations with coin locks without expense to the Park Commission and for which they agree to pay 25% of the gross receipts.

Referred to Supt. McLaren for report.

Re. Edna Street through Balboa Park.

From the Balboa Park Improvement Club petitioning the Board to have Edna Street continued through Balboa Park crossing the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks in the neighborhood of the Police Station.

Referred to Supt. McLaren for report.

Re. planting wild flowers.

From the Mayor's office with enclosure from Miss Mary Alice King relative to planting wild flowers on the Twin Peaks Scenic Boulevard where there are bare places. She suggests that they be re-seeded and re-planted.

Referred to Supt. McLaren for report.

Re. Spring Valley bonds.

From the Hartford Accident and Indemnity Co., stating that as there were two bonds of the Spring Valley Water Company on file in the Park Commissioners' office, and as the Board had declined to return the first one issued, it would be necessary that they receive a communication from the Park Board to that effect as the Insurance Company requires that they have such evidence on file.

Secretary instructed to inform them that the bond will be returned in a few days, when the work will be completed.

Re. Phelan Ave.

From the Sunnyside Improvement Club stating that it is urgently necessary that Phelan Avenue be graded and macadamized and that as it is a part of Balboa Park it be set aside for street purposes by the Park Board.

Secretary instructed to notify the petitioners that if Phelan Ave. is a portion of Balboa Park they cannot set it aside for any other purposes, but park purposes.

Re. portrait of Ex-Mayor Taylor.

Mr. Geo. A. Weeden was present with a portrait of Ex-Mayor Taylor which was referred to Com. Cummings, and later considered in executive session, after which the Secretary was instructed to notify Mr. Weeden that

the portrait failed to receive the approval of the members of the Board and consequently was rejected.

Report on water.

The report on water received from the Board of Public Health was referred to Supt. McLaren.

Report on milk.

Report of Board of Public Health on samples of milk taken from the Childrens Quarters was found deficient in butter fat 30%.

Referred to Acting Supt. La Rue.

Supt. McLaren's report.

Report of Supt. McLaren for the month of August, 1915 read and recommendations adopted.

Supt. La Rue's report.

Report of Childrens Quarters for the month of August, 1915 received and copies ordered sent to the Commissioners.

Curator's report.

Report of Curator Barron of the Park Museum for the month of August, 1915 read and filed.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the Meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary-Park Commission

San Francisco, Sept. 28th, 1915.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, September 28th, 1915,

Present were: Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum,
Com. M. Earl Cummings.

Absent were: Pres. W. H. Metson,

Excused: Com. Curtis H. Lindley. (sickness)

Chairman pro tem.

Com. Greenebaum moved, that in the absence of Pres. Metson, Com. A. B. Spreckels be elected Chairman pro tem.; the motion was seconded by Com. Cummings and being put by the Secretary was declared carried.

Minutes approved.

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to the Commissioners, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried adopted as the minutes of the meeting held September 16th, 1915.

Re. elk and buffalo sent Santa Cruz.

Letter of thanks from the citizens and De Laveaga Park Board of Santa Cruz for the splendid specimens of elk and buffalo which were sent them from Golden Gate Park. The animals arrived in excellent condition and are enjoying themselves in a twenty acre paddock.

Ordered filed.

Re. crating and shipping expenses.

A check for One Hundred Dollars ($100.) was received from H. F. Fanuel on account of crating and shipping the elk and buffalo to Santa Cruz.

Check deposited to credit of Park Fund.

Re. Roller Towel Ordinance.

From the Board of Public Health enclosing a copy of Ordinance 1896 known as the Roller Towel Ordinance, which prohibits the use of a towel by more than one person, approved May 28th, 1915.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. railway through public parks.

The following communication was sent by Secretary de Succa to the Park Boards of several of the principal cities of the United States relative to street railways through public parks:

> "There is a proposition before this Board to operate a street railroad through one of the public parks. I have been directed to inquire whether or not your Board has had any experience along this line and if so what effect the railroad has had on the landscaps and whether or not the road has been approved by your Board and the public generally.
>
> Any further information that you can oblige us with will be appreciated.
>
> Thanking you in advance for your courtesy, I am
>
> Very truly yours,
>
> (signed)JAMES de SUCCA.
> Secretary.

The reply from Columbus, Ohio, stated that they had no car lines in any of their parks.

From Cincinnati, Ohio, stating that they had gone on record as being strongly opposed to the establishment of any railway, not only in the Parks, but over the Parkways. The tracks do not harmonize with Parks and the road bed cannot be made ornamental.

From Baltimore, Md., states that it was once proposed to tunnel through with surfacs stations in the interior of the park for the accommodation of park users, but the increasing use of motor vehicles for hire as well as by owners, made unnecessary an extension of street railways in the parks for public convenience and left only the gain to private land owners as a reason for the project. Ths Park Commissioners' report for 1879 recites that the extension of the city passenger railway to the Park entrance and the success of the Park phaeton within the Park had so facilitated the access of pedestrians that the railway, valuable as it was when first built, had become useless and the tracks were taken up

and sold.

From Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, notifying the Board that they were sending under separate cover a copy of the Sixth Report which they think will give us the information desired. As no report has been received the Secretary was instructed to again write for same.

From Chicago, Ill, stating that as far as possible it is their policy not to have the Parks cut up with street railways.

From St. Louis; Com. Cunliff writes that where street railways pass through the park property, the conditions are usually very ugly and unsightly and is not of sufficient benefit to the people as a whole to compensate for the unsightly condition created on park property.

From City of Detroit, states that they have never permitted a railroad in their public parks.

From Boston, Mass., stating that they have the power and have made several grants of this kind, which have furnished the means by which large numbers of the public may avail themselves of the reservations.

All these communications were ordered filed and opies sent to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors.

Report on dolls postponed.

Com. Cummings stated that he would report on the Dr. Dodel collection of dolls at the next meeting.

To sell fence on Huntington Park.

Supt. McLaren was given the power to sell the iron fence surrounding Huntington Park for $45. if that was the highest price he could secure for it.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned, subject to call of President.

Secretary Park Commission.

San Francisco, October 13th, 1915.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Wednesday, October 13th, 1915,

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. M. Earl Cummings.

Absent: Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum,

Excused: Com. Curtis H. Lindley (sickness)

No quorum present.

There being no quorum present the following business was transacted subject to confirmation at the next meeting of the Board.

Re. minutes.

The approval of the minutes of the meeting held September 28th, 1915 was postponed until the next meeting.

Re. railway across Park.

From the Park Commission of New York City relative to street railways crossing public parks. The letter states that four street car lines transverse Central Park at 65th, 79th, 86th and 97th Sts. On these cross town lines the street cars run through a sunken road which is carefully concealed from view of persons in the Park, in some places this sunken road is an open cut screened with trees and shrubbery and in one or two places it is completely roofed over to allow the passage of park drives and walks above it.

Copy ordered sent to the Mayor, Board of Supervisors and Pres. Metson.

Re. railway across public park.

From the Park Commission of Minneapolis, Minn., relative to railways across public parks. Theodore Wirth, Superintendent of Parks, states that under proper restrictions he believes permission should be granted to run cars across the Park.

Copy ordered sent the Mayor, Board of Supervisors and Pres. Metson.

Letter of thanks.

From his Honor, Mayor Rolph, returning thanks for copies of letters sent him relative to railways crossing public parks in New York City.

Ordered filed.

Resolution of Board of Supervisors re. Railway across Park.

From his Honor, the Mayor, forwarding Resolution 12128 (New Series) which reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 12128 (New Series).

RESOLVED, That the Park Commission be and is requested to grant permission for the construction of an extension of the Geary Street Municipal Railway across Golden Gate Park from Tenth Avenue and Fulton Street to Fourteenth Avenue and Lincoln Way as planned by the City Engineer.

Mayor Rolph calls the Park Board's attention to the fact that he approved the Resolution September 25th, 1915 and that it passed the Board of Supervisors practically unanimously, the one negative vote being Mr. Jennings who thought the question should be submitted to the electorate.

A copy of Mayor Rolph's letter was ordered sent to each Commissioner so that action may be taken by them at the next meeting.

Re. Phelan Avenue.

From the Board of Supervisors enclosing Resolution No. 12060 which reads as follows:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Park Commissioners is hereby requested to re-convey to the City and County of San Francisco a strip of land forty nine feet one inch in width along the westerly line of Balboa Park (formerly known as the House of Refuge lot) this strip being 1955 feet, more or less, in length, the said land to be dedicated for street purposes, the description of this strip of land being as follows:

COMMENCING at the point formed by the intersection of the westerly line of Balboa Park (formerly House of Refuge lot) and the southerly side of Sunnyside Tract, said point being the northwesterly corner of Balboa Park,(formerly House of Refuge lot); thence running in a southerly direction along the westerly boundary line of said Balboa Park (formerly House of Refuge lot) nineteen hundred and fifty five (1955) feet, more or less, to the northerly line of Ocean Avenue with a uniform width of forty nine feet one inch (49' 1") extending easterly from the said westerly line of Balboa Park

This request was granted by the two members of the Board present, subject to confirmation at next meeting.

Re. Phelan Ave.

From the Board of Supervisors relative to the preceding subject upon which the same action was taken.

Re. Huntington Park fence.

From the Sugarman Iron and Metal Company offering a bid of $42.50 for the iron fence surrounding Huntington Park on California Street.

Rejected as higher bid was received.

Re. Huntington Park fence.

From W. H. Linforth offering $50.00 for the iron fence surrounding Huntington Park. Supt. McLaren having, at a previous meeting, been authorized to sell the fence to the highest bidder, accepted Mr. Linforth's offer who agreed to remove the fence without injury to the coping.

The Secretary reported receipt of the check and its deposit to the credit of the Park Fund.

Action approved.

Bond of E. Lyons.

Bond of Miss E. Lyons for $2000.00 as Printer of the Park Museum, received and referred to President Metson.

Re. carved gateway.

From the Mayor's office with enclosure from Anne E. Mackin relative to the sale of the Gateway which forms the entrance to the Zi-ka-wei Orphanage Exhibit in the Education Building, P.P.I.E.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. entrance at Fulton and Stanyan Streets.

From the Park Richmond Improvement Club calling attention to the unfinished condition of the entrance at Stanyan and Fulton Streets.

Supt. McLaren requested further time as he had just made some improvements there.

Re. auto train through Park.

From H. M. Hyde relative to auto train in Golden Gate Park for which he asked a franchise.

Secretary instructed to inform Mr. Hyde that the Board is opposed to granting franchises but had no

objection to the operation of a train ~~on a~~ such as he mentions, with a limited number of cars to each train and also that he would be obliged to build at his own expense, at selected points, one or more stations.

Mr. Hyde was requested to detail his proposition which he desires the Park Commission to accept.

Re. bond of Spring Valley Water Co.

From the Hartford Accident and Indemnity Co. requesting the return of the first bond issued by the Spring Valley Water Company to guarantee the replacing of the roadway where disturbed in consequence of crossing the Park with a pipe line by said Company.

Bond ordered returned.

Letter of thanks.

From J. G. Butler thanking Pres. Metson for having flowers sent to decorate the Ohio Building in connection with the McKinley Memorial Entertainment on August 12th, 1915.

Ordered filed.

Letter of thanks.

From the Civic League of Improvement Clubs returning thanks for copies of communications received from the eastern cities relative to railways crossing public parks.

Ordered filed.

Re. J. Gallagher accident.

From J. S. Dunnigan returning a demand issued in favor of John Gallagher to be paid out of a Special Fund in the hands of the Finance Committee. J. Gallagher having been reimbursed by the United Railroads Company for the injuries received, the demand was cancelled.

Ordered filed.

Report on water.

Report on water used in Park received from the Board of Public Health and ordered filed.

Supt. La Rue's report.

Report of Supt. La Rue received and copies ordered sent the Commissioners.

Supt. McLaren's report.

Supt. McLaren's report for the month of September, 1915 received, read, adopted and his recommendatione approved.

Re. water for Academy of Science.

Special consideration was given to Mr. Mc Laren's recommendation that the Academy of Science be allowed the use of the Park water by paying for it or by giving it to them free of charge. As the Park water system furnished a greater pressure as a protection against fire to the building, the two members of the Board present agreed to give the Academy of Science park water free, subject to confirmation at the next meeting.

Dr. Doldel Dolls.

Com. Cummings stated that he would report on the Dodel Doll collection at the next meeting.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary--Park Commissioners.

San Francisco, October 28th, 1915.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, October 28th, 1915

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Com. Curtis H. Lindley,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum.

Minutes adopted.

The minutes of the meeting held September 28th, 1915, copies of which were sent to each Commissioner, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried adopted as the minutes of meeting held September 28th, 1915.

Re. previous meeting.

There being but two members present at the meeting called for October 13th, 1915, and those two members having transacted and disposed of the business on file, on motion made by Com. Lindley the following resolution was unanimously carried:

> RESOLVED: That the acts of the two members of the Board of Park Commissioners present at the meeting held October 13th, 1915, be and are hereby confirmed and approved.

Re. Municipal Railroad.

Action on the communication received from Mayor Rolph relative to the Geary Street Municipal Railway crossing the Park, was postponed to permit the Park Commissioners in company with Messrs. Mayor Rolph and the City Engineer, M. B. O'Shaughnessy, to go over the ground on Tuesday, November 2nd, 1915 where it is proposed to cross the Park.

Re. Municipal R.R.

From the California Club protesting against the extension of the Geary Street Municipal Railway through the Park.

Read and ordered filed.

Re. Cole Street crossing.

From the Mayor's office enclosing two petitions against the closing of the Cole Street crossing through the Panhandle, one from the Haight and Ashbury and the other from the North of Panhandle Improvement Clubs.

A number of the members from both Clubs were present and protested against the closing of the crossing. The principle argument advanced against closing Cole Street was that the crossing had been open for the past forty five years and was a great convenience to the business men on Haight and other streets.

Pres. Metson explained that the protests against the crossing remaining open by the residents of Cole and Oak Streets opposite the crossing because of the mud in the winter time and dut in the summer must receive some consideration and therefore the crossing could not be allowed to remain in its macadam state, neither would be Commissioners be justified in bituminizing a crossing but two blocks east of the Stanyan Street crossing even though they had the money to do so.

Com. Lindley stated that in closing the crossing no great injury was being imposed on the business men on Haight or any other Street, by forcing them to use the find crossing lately put down by the Park Board on Stanyan Street, but two blocks west.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried unanimously, the Board refused to re-consider their order to Supt. McLaren to close said crossing on August 12, 1915.

Re. Municipal R.R.

From City Engineer O'Shaughnessy relative to crossing Golden Gate Park with the Geary Street Municipal Railway and submitting nine sheets of drawings, in duplicate, showing the general plans and a number of details of the proposed street railway through the Park as proposed by Resolution 12128 (New Series) adopted September 20th, 1915.

Action delayed pending the proposed visit of the members of the Board, the Mayor and City Engineer over the proposed route through Golden Gate Park.

Re. Chinese Gateway.

From Annie E. Mackin who states that she is authorized to dispose of the Chinese Gateway which is an example of the techinal work donein the Zi-ka-wei Orphanage of Shanghai.

Secretary instructed to inform Miss Mackin that, owing to lack of funds, the Park Commissioners are unable to purchase the Gateway.

Re. Elwell Law.

From Park Superintendent Theo. Wirth of Minneapolis, sending to Supt. McLaren a typewritten copy of their Elwell Law relative to acquiring land for park purposes.

Secretary to acknowledge receipt with thanks.

Re. Coin locks.

From the Pacific Coin Lock Co., submitting the following proposition:

"In compliance with request of Mr. McLaren, we beg to submit the following proposition regarding COIN Locks.

We agree, at our own expense, to thoroughly sanitize and equip with our Coin Locks, one of the booths on the Men's side, and one of the booths on the women's side, of the public comfort station at Union Square; with the understanding that we will, on your order, remove our locks and restore toilet doors to the same condition that they were before the installation.

If, however, the test proves that the public patronize this service, it is understood that we will then be allowed to make permanent installations in such other stations as you may select, and pay you 25% of the gross receipts thereof.

It seems to us that the station at Union Square is not large enough, and if after our locks have been tried out and proved satisfactory to your Honorable Board, we will submit a proposition to enlarge this station at our own expense.

If this proposition meets with your approval, kindly communicate with our Mr. G. S. Brackett, local manager of this corporation, at 149 New Montgomery Street, phone Douglas 4405, who will proceed at once to make the installation.

A copy of this agreement was ordered sent to each Commissioner.

Re. City Beautiful.

From Miss Mary Alice King submitting a plan for a "City Beautiful."

A copy of her plan was ordered sent to each Commissioner.

Re. canoe on Stow Lake.

From the Mayor's office with enclosure from Arthur Sidman, relative to keeping his canoe on Stow Lake

Request granted with the understanding that details be arranged with Supt. McLaren.

Re. "End of the Trail"

From the Mayor's office with enclosure from Mrs. A. W. Scott, relative to the statue "The End of the Trail" now in the Exposition Grounds, being placed in Lincoln Park to mark the terminal of the Great Lincoln Highway.

Referred to Com. Cummings.

Re. 13th and 14th Avenues.

From R. D. Quinlan, C. V. Jansen and R. W. Martindale, relative to the improvement of the sidewalk areas on 13th and 14th Avenues offered by the Board of Supervisors to the Park Commission to control and manage.

No funds being at present available in the Park Fund, and none having been supplied by the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors, the Board of Park Commissioners have not yet accepted either the control or management of the said sidewalk areas and the Secretary was instructed to so notify all interested parties.

Re. Taraval St.

From the Parkside Improvement Association requesting that the Square between 22nd and 24th Avenues and Santiago and Taraval Strects be improved.

Referred to Supt. McLaren for report at next meeting

Re. statue "The Christ".

Mrs. A.G. Boggs appeared before the Board to ask their consent to place in Golden Gate Park a statue "The Christ" now standing in a cloister of the Italian Pavilion at the Exposition. As the Statue was not thought to be in keeping with Park purposes, and that it would be more appropriate in the Museum, it was re-

ferred to Com. Cummings who will report on the statue as a work of art.

If accepted by the Commissioners, the statue will be purchased by popular subscription.

Re. Golf Links.

Mr. Edw. Brandenstein appeared before the Board to urge some extension of the number of holes in the Lincoln Park Golf Links. He said the number that formerly played on the Links was twenty five and now there are about two hundred persons.

Supt. McLaren reported that he was at present constructing six additional holes.

Curator's report.

The report for the month of September of the Park Museum was read and ordered filed.

Bids on supplies.

The following bids on supplies for the next fiscal year were received and opened:

CRANE COMPANY

Galvanized iron pipe	4"	44.44	per C ft.
" " "	2"	14.[illegible]	"
" " "	1½"	10.[illegible]	"
" " "	1¼"	[illegible].15	"
" " "	1"	6.76	"

MARK LALLY COMPANY

Galvanized iron pipe	4"	4[illegible].[illegible]	"
" " "	2"	1[illegible]	"
" " "	1½"	11.[illegible]	"
" " "	1¼"	[illegible].75	"
" " "	1"	7.[illegible]	"

PACIFIC HARDWARE & STEEL CO.

Shovels		$11.50 per doz.
Spades		9.50 "

JOOST. BROS.:

Shovels		9.00 "
Spades		9.50 "
Spades, special		10.90 "
Nails, wire		2.42 keg, base
" galvanized		4.22 "

BENNETT BROS.:

Turpentine		.76 per gal.
White lead		.0825 per lb.
Shovels		9.50 per doz.
Spades		7.00 "
Galvanized iron pipe	4"	54.60 per C ft.
	2"	17.80 "
	1½"	--- "
	1¼"	10.80 "
	1"	8.25 "

YATES & CO.:

Turpentine	.67 per gal.
White lead	.067 " lb.
Boiled linseed oil	.69 " gal.

W. P. FULLER & CO.:

Turpentine	.69 " "
White lead	6.72 per cwt.
Boiled linseed oil	.68 per gal. in barrels .73 per gal. in 5 gal. cans

R. N. NASON & CO.:

Turpentine	.64 per gal.
White lead	.07 "
Boiled linseed oil	.69 " in bbls.

SHERRY BROS.

Butter	.30 per lb.

WESTERN FUEL CO.:

Cumberland coal	$13.45 per ton
Wellington Coal	9.15 "

SCOTT MAGNER & MILLER:

3rd crop River Alfalfa	15.95 per ton
Rolled barley	28.48 "
Rolled Oats	30.85 "
Wheat hay	15.80 "
Tame Oat Hay	15.80 "

Bids awarded.

The following contracts were awarded:

BENNETT BROS.:

Spades	7.00 per doz.

SHERRY BROS.:

Butter	.30 per lb.

SCOTT MAGNER & MILLER:

Rolled barley	28.48 per ton
Rolled oats	30.85 "

The contract for shovels was referred to Supt. John McLaren to decide same as to quality.

The bid of Sherwin & Williams was not considered as no certified check was deposited.

City contracts.

In all other cases the City Contracts proved lower, consequently the Superintendent was instructed to buy on City Contract.

Bids on clay for Lincoln Park.

The following bids on 2000 cu. yards of clay for Lincoln Park were received and opened:

A. E. BUCKMAN:

2000 cu. yards of clay	[illegible] .88 per cu. yd.

CHURCH & CLARK:

2000 cu. yards of clay	.85 "

PETER MCHUGH:

2000 cu. yards of clay	.96 "

P. MONTAGUE & CO.:

2000 cu. ydrds of clay	.85 "

OWEN MCHUCH

2000 cu. yards of clay $ .66⅔ per cu. yd.

Contract awarded.

The contract was awarded to Owen McHugh his being the lowest bid.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

SECRETARY-PARK COMMISSION.

San Francisco, November 11th, 1915.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commisoioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, November 11th, 1915.

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. Curtis H. Lindley,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum.

Minutes approved.

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to the Commissioners, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried adopted as the minutes of the meeting held October 28th, 1915.

Re. Municipal Railway across the Park.

The consideration of the request of the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Public Works for permission to extend the Municipal Railway through Golden Gate Park, entering at 10th Avenue and Fulton Street and by a detour emerging from the Park 14th Avenue and Lincoln Way, was taken up.

City Engineer M.M.O'Shaughnessy and his assistant T. W. Ransome, stated that their reason for selecting the route submitted was to avoid paralleling the 19th Avenue and 9th Avenue lines of the United Railroads, by emerging from the Park between the two, or 14th Avenue.

They had also considered that by entering the Park at 10th Avenue it would be about two and a half mileo from Devisadero Street on the east and two miles to the Ocean Beach on the west.

Dr. Salfield remarked that all the objections he had liotened to were "all rot" and that the proposed line would be an added attraction and a great money making proposition.

Atty. A. N. Cunning stated that he belonged to the same Club, the Haight & Ashbury District Improvement Club, as Dr. Salfield and he remembers that the Doctor a short time ago was very much opposed to what he is now advocating; he also endorsed Pres. Metson's objections as contained in his written article.

Pres. Metson and Com. Lindley submitted written objections to the proposed line.

I. Beck of the Civic League of Improvement Clubs stated that he had gone over every foot of the route and while doing so could plainly hear the noise of the cars from Fulton and Haight Streets while in the vicinity of the Spreckels Music Stand. If the railroad is built across the Park behind the Band Stand, the noise in his estimation will drown the music.

J. J. Calish of the Golden Gate Federation of Improvement Clubs, spoke against the proposed line and endorsed the objections contained in the reports submitted by Pres. Metson and Com. Lindley.

Upon motion made by Com. Lindley, seconded by Com. Spreckels, the request of the Board of Supervisors and Board of Public Works to extend the Municipal Railway through the Park as proposed by Resolution #12128 adopted by the Board of Supervisors September 20th, 1915, was unanimously refused.

Endorses action of Board.

From the North of Panhandle Improvement Club warmly commending the Board of Park Commissioners for refusing to allow the Municipal car line to cross the Park because it would disfigure the Park.

Ordered filed.

Endorses R.R. across Park.

From the Park Richmond Improvement Club, stating that the Club has gone on record favoring the extension of the Geary Street Municipal Railway across the Park. They believe that a sunken roadway similar to the one now in use across Central Park, New York City

would be the proper thing.

Ordered filed.

Re. Forestry.

From Edw. Rainey, Secretary to the Mayor, with enclosure from H. A. Reynold, Secretary of the Massachusetts Forestry Association, requesting definite information relative to planting trees in its Park or town Forest.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Request for information.

From Bureau of Municipal Research, New York City, requesting information as to the physical, financial and administrative features of our Park Systsm.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. Tennis Court in Franklin Sq.

From the Lux School of Industrial Training, informing the Board that at a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of their School, the sum of $1000. was appropriated for the purpose of constructing tennis courts in Franklin Square.

Referrcd to Supt. McLaren with full power to act, and Secretary inotructed to thank the Directors for their gcnerosity.

Wild turkeys received.

From Geo. Wingfield to Pres. Metson stating that he had scnt by express three wild bronze turkeys.

Secrstary instructed to extend the thanks of the Board to Mr. Wingfield for his interest in the Park.

Farquhar Exhibit donated to Park.

From R. & J. Farquhar & Co., offering as a gift to the Board of Park Commissioners their entire exhibit at the P.P.I.E., consisting of Buddleias, Pentstemons, Dahlias, etc., requesting however that some new varieties be kept from the hands of the trade at present and ask that they be safeguarded in that respect.

This donation was thankfully accepted and Secretary instructed to so inform Farquhar & Co. and also that Supt. McLaren would attend to the details.

Request for flower stand denied.

From D. Vires requesting permission to erect a flower stand on the Geary and Powell Street corner of Union Square.

Requested denied.

Report of Grand Jury.

From Samuel Adelstein, Chairman Parks and Play Grounds Committee of the Grand Jury, submitting report. He states that Mr. Russell Pierce, expert accountant of the Grand Jury reported that "the accounting system of the Park Commission is simple, comprehensive and adequate in every respect. Further, what is most important, it is being handled and carried out by competent and intelligent employees whose painstaking care is very apparent".

Ordered filed.

Re. Stockton St. park spaces.

From E. Shelby, Assistant Secretary to the Mayor, with enclosure from Geo. Skaller, relative to the two island parks on Stockton Street which he says have been ready for planting of grass or shrubbery for over a year.

Secretary instructed to notify Mr. Skaller that those two oval spaces are not under the jurisdiction of the Board of Park Commissioners and therefore they could not be expected to expend a portion of the Park Fund for their maintenance.

Deer donated to Park.

From Ex-Park Commissioner Wm. K. Gutzkow to Pres. Metson stating that a very good friend of his, Mr. Jack O'Brien of 354 Pine Street will present to the Park about sixteen deer. They are at present about one and a half miles from Cloverdale, if the Park Commission will agree to pay express charges.

Secretary instructed to accept the deer with thanks, and that the Park Commission will pay expenses of shipping the deer to Golden Gate Park.

Re. statue "The Christ".

The offer of Mrs. S. W. Boggs of the statue "The Christ" to Golden Gate Park which she intends to purchase by popular subscription should the Park Commissioners accept same, was again considered. In view of the condition made by Mrs. Boggs that the statue if accepted, be placed near one of the Lakes where it could be seen from one of the foot paths and drives, i.e. in a very prominent place, the Commissioners declined to accept the statue for the Park. They were of the opinion that the Park is a place for recreation and that nothing sombre or sorrowful should be given a prominent place and the statue was unsuitable on account of the qualifications that go with it.

Com. W. Earl Cummings, artist of the Board, reported against placing the statue in the Park but stated that it might be appropriately placed in the Memorial Museum.

Upon motion made by Com. Lindley, duly seconded and carried the report of Com. Cummings was unanimously approved.

Re. Dr. Dodel dolls.

Com. Cummings reported against the Dr. Dodel collection of dolls offered as a gift to the Park Commissioners, because of insufficient space to exhibit in the present Museum Building and lack of funds to erect a new one.

Report unanimously approved.

Re. "End of the Trail".

Com. Cummings moved that before placing the statue representing the "End of the Trail" to mark the end of the Lincoln Highway, the statue and location of same be submitted to a committee of experts who are to confer with him relative to the matter.

Motion unanimously carried.

Report Supt. McLaren.

Report of Supt. McLaren for month of October, read and recommendations unanimously adopted.

Report Childrens' Quarters.

Report of Acting Superintendent, Louise La Rue, of the Childrens' Quarters, read and copies ordered sent the Commissioners.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary-Park Commissioners.

San Francisco, November 26th, 1915.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Friday, November 26th, 1915

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum.
Excused: Com. Curtis H. Lindley.

Minutes adopted.

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to the Commissioners, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, adopted as the minutes of meeting held November 11th, 1915.

Re. Municipal R.R.

From the Vittoria Club protesting against the proposition to operate a street railway across Golden Gate Park.

Copies ordered sent to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors.

Re. Statue "The Thinker".

From Mayor Rolph stating that he had been informed that the statue "The Thinker" is to be presented to the City very soon and requesting to know where same may be placed.

Referred to Com. Spreckels and Supt. McLaren.

Re. model of Pres. Asano's home.

From W. H. Avery to Pres. Metson relative to an exhibit the Toyo Kisen Kaisha have at the Panama Pacific International Exposition, a beautiful and artistically made model of the house of Pres. Asano, who wishes to donate the model to the Park Museum.

Accepted with the thanks of the Board, to be expressed in an engrossed letter.

Re. Municipal R.R.

From Osgood Putnam to Pres. Metson expressing his hearty concurrance in the position Mr. Metson takes in regard to the proposed railway across the Park.

Copies ordered sent the Mayor and Board of Supervisors.

Re. Prayer Meeting.

From Golden Gate Christian Endeavor Union to Pres. Metson asking permission to have a sunrise Prayer meeting on Strawberry Hill on Thanksgiving morning.

Pres. Metson informed the writer that such a permit was against the Rules and Ordinances of the Park Commissioners and prevented the granting of any such application.

Pres. Metson's action unanimously sustained.

Re. Statue "The Christ".

From Romanelli Bros. relative to the refusal of the Park Commissioners to accept the monument representing "Christianity Emerging from Paganism", now at the P.P.I.E. Amato Amatry, the writer, enters into a long argument and defends the sculptor's reputation and concludes by sincerely hoping that the Board will reconsider its decision in refusing for this City a work of one of the greatest living sculptors.

Referred to Pres. Metson.

Bond and contract Scott Magner & Miller.

From Scott, Magner & Miller filing contract and bond in lieu of certified check for $1200.00.

Contract and bond being approved by Pres. Metson, the check was ordered returned.

Rug donated to Park Museum.

From M. J. Tashjian who states that "It was with a deep sense of pleasure that I noted the appreciation extended my exhibit of rugs at the Golden Gate Park Museum; I therefore take pleasure in presenting to your Museum a priceless, antique, historical, Oriental Prayer Rug."

Accepted with the thanks of the Board to be expressed in an engrossed letter of thanks.

Contract and bond of Bennett Bros.

From Bennett Bros. submitting a contract and bond in lieu of the $100.00 in currency deposited with bid.

Referred to Pres. Metson.

Re. Cole Street crossing.

From a number of citizens living in the vicinity of Cole Street relative to the Cole Street crossing through the Panhandle, consisting of Marie R. Milligan, Hugo Mansfield, Mrs. Jas. Crichton, Thomas Egan and Geo. D. Graham, commending the Board of Park Commissioners for their action in closing the crossing.

Ordered filed, and copy ordered sent to Mayor Rolph.

Re. Coin Locks.

From the Pacific Coin Lock Company submitting proposition to install coin locks in the public comfort stations.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. Trees and shrubs from P.P.I.E.

From the Sutro Heights Improvement Club relative to the advisability of the Exposition Managers donating as many desirable trees, shrubs, plants, pieces of statuary, etc., as possible for the adornment of Golden Gate Park and Lincoln Park.

Secretary instructed to notify the Club that everything that can possibly be done in that direction is being done by Supt. McLaren.

Re. comfort stations.

From the Boston City Planning Board desiring to know if we had experienced any difficulty with sanitary conditions in our underground comfort stations.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. Virginia Building.

From Mrs. James Ellis Tucker stating that a number of organizations such as the Virginia Society, The Daughters ofthe Revolution, Daughters of the Confederacy and Colonial Dames are anxious to preserve the Virginia Building at the Exposition. They ask permission to place the Building in Lincoln Park free of

expense to the Park Commissioners.

The Board decided to accept the Building with pleasure and the selection of a location in Lincoln Park was referred to Com. Spreckels and Supt. McLaren.

Re. rock-work in Park.

From Detroit Zoological Society, Richard E. Follett, Secretary, who desire to get in touch with the man whose name is Ernest Bronton who it was said "Did some rock work in Golden Gate Park that excels anything he had seen in Europe".

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. Japanese pagoda.

From Mrs. R. H. Fleet offering to sell a Japanese Pagoda at present in the Japanese Exhibit at the P.P.I.E.

Secretary instructed to inform the lady that lack of funds would not permit of its purchase.

Re. Honora Sharp Estate.

The following Ordinance No. 3487 Bill No.3803 was received from the Board of Supervisors authorizing and directing the City Attorney to draft and have executed necessary offers, acceptances, instruments and documents in order to have delivered to the City and County the money and real property received by Samuel G. Murphy and A. B. Spreckels in the matter of the Estate of the late Honora Sharp and now held in trust for the City and County of San Francisco.

"Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco as follows:
Section 1. The City Attorney is hereby authorized and directed to prepare for execution and to have executed such formal instruments and documents as may be necessary in order to have lawfully and properly accepted by the City and County of San Francisco an offer properly made to carry out the terms, conditions and intentions of certain propositions as have been heretofore discussed at conferences held between representatives of the City and County and Samuel G. Murphy and A. B. Spreckels. The matters so discussed at the conferences above referred to are with reference to a bequest of the late Honora Sharp, which bequest has finally resulted in a declaration of trust by the aforesaid Samuel G. Murphy and A. B. Spreckels for the benefit of the City and County of San Francisco. The general terms and conditions of said offer are the delivery to the City by the aforesaid trustees the sum of eighty

thousand (80,000) dollars in cash and the interest thereon and also a deed to some four hundred (400) acres of land, more or less, located in the county of San Mateo, State of California. The City Attorney is directed to ascertain whether the aforesaid offer may be made in such form as to secure the City against any attack upon the same. The City Attorney is also directed to advise this Board whether the title to the said land in San Mateo County is clear of all liens and incumbrances and to report back to this Board that the proper offers have been drawn and executed and that an ordinance has been prepared, providing for final adoption by this Board carrying out generally the purposes hereinabove expressed.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be in force and effect immediately.

Finally passed--Board of Supervisors, San Francisco, October 25th, 1915.

Read and ordered filed.

Re. Municipal R.R.

Com. Sigmund Greenebaum reported that his Honor, the Mayor, had expressed a desire to inspect the route of the proposed Municipal Railway across the Park.

Secretary instructed to notify Mayor Rolph that the members of the Park Board would be pleased to accompany him at any time upon receiving twenty four hours notice before the hour selected for the said inspection.

Re. "End of the Trail".

Pres. Metson reported that he had selected F. J. Van Sloun, artist, E. A. Matthews, architect, A. Mora, horse expert, E. N. Stanton, painter and Com. Cummings to report on the possibility of obtaining from the sculptor, J. V. Fraser, the use of the model of the statue entitled "The End of the Trail" with a view of having it cast in permanent material.

A communication was received from J. V. Fraser, sculptor of "The End of the Trail" in answer to one sent by Com. Cummings in which the writer thanks the Commissioner for his letter, and further states that "I have a contract with the Exposition authorities which prohibits them from making or using any reproductions of my work in plastic form."------"Naturally you understand how much there is to be done on a full size statue and of

course for bronze it would require certain treatment, possibly quite different than it has at present. Therefore the statue should be modelled in clay, full size and in no other way would I be satisfied."

A copy of the communication was ordered sent to Mrs. D. J. MacMasters, President of the California Club.

ADJOURNED.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

SECRETARY-PARK COMMISSIONERS.

San Francisco, December 9th, 1915.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, December 9th, 1915

Present were: Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum.

Excused were: Pres. W. H. Metson
Com. Curtis H. Lindley.

Com. Spreckels President pro tem.

In the absence of Pres. Metson, Com. Greenebaum moved that Com. Spreckels be elected Chairman pro tem, seconded by Com. Cummings. The motion being put by the Secretary, Com. Spreckels was unanimously elected Chairman pro tem.

Minutes adopted.

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to the Commissioners, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried adopted as the minutes of the meeting held November 26th, 1915.

Re. opening of Masonic Avenue.

A committee consisting of Thos. A. Brown, E.N. Fritz and W. Corbin from the Haight and Ashbury Improvement Club appeared before the Board to urge the opening of Masonic Avenue through the Panhandle for vehicular traffic. The Committee were informed that as there were two members of the Board absent, action would be postponed until all members of the Board were present.

Re. stairway at Buena Vista Park.

From W. Corbin, representing the Haight and Ashbury Improvement Club, stating that the members were very desirous of having the stairway built at the north west corner of Buena Vista Park at the junction of Haight Street and Buena Vista Avenue as per plans submitted.

Messrs. Flinn & Treacy propose doing the work for the sum of Eight Hundred Dollars ($800.) of which amount the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Public Works have agreed to furnish $400.00 towards the completion of

this stairway and the Board of Park Commissioners are requested to contribute an equal amount so that the stairway may be completed.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Re. statue "The Christ".

From Ex-Mayor Edward Robeson Taylor asking if it is true that the statue "The Christ" in the Exposition has been refused a place in the Park by reason of its religious significance.

Referred to Pres. Metson for answer.

Re. Municipal R.R.

From the Laurel Hall Club endorsing the California Club's resolutions against crossing the Park by a trench with any railroad and recommends that the connection between the Sunset and Richmond Districts be made by a tunnel.

Copy ordered sent Mayor Rolph.

Re. MunicipalR.R.

From Mayor Rolph with enclosure from the Peralta Heights Improvement Club notifying him that they were opposed to the construction of any car line across Golden Gate Park at 10th Avenue as it will mar the beauty of the Park, be dangerous to visitors, and become a nuisance on account of the noise of passing cars in the neighborhood of the Spreckels' Music Stand. All of which could be obviated by a tunnel across the Park.

Ordered filed.

Re. Municipal R.R.

From the Forum Club protesting by resolution against crossing Golden Gate Park at 10th Avenue by an open cut. The connection between the Sunset and Richmond Districts can be effected by tunnelling, which would not cut the Park in two and therefore the Forum Club recommends and urges that the said connection be made by tunnel and stand unalterably opposed to an open cut across the Park.

Copy ordered sent to Mayor Rolph.

Request to lay pipe line.

From Oscar Heyman requesting permission to run a two inch water pipe on Balboa Street between 14th and 15th Avenues to connect with the Spring Valley Water Company's pipe on 13th Avenue and Balboa Street, desiring to run this pipe inside the curb line and across the macadam strip of the roadway. This pipe is necessary for the erection of buildings on the west line of 14th Avenue.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Japanese Pagoda declined.

From Mrs. R. H. Fleet offering to the Park Commissioners as a gift to Golden Gate Park the Japanese Pagoda at the P.P.I.E., if they will pay for its removal before December 15th, 1915.

The Superintendent reported "I have examined the Pagoda and while the design is very good, the material of which it is made is so poor, that if it was put in the open it would shrink and fall to pieces and therefore I would not advise your Honorable Board to accept the same"

In consequence of the Superintendent's report the donation was declined with the thanks of the Board.

Re. sea bent grass.

From W. S. Harbert, Pasadena, California, stating that he had been advised by Mr. C. V. Piper of the United Stated Department of Agriculture of the extensive use that has been made of Marram grass in controlling the sand dunss of Golden Gate Park. Mr. Piper further suggested that he obtain a quantity of the grass roots.

Supt. McLaren requested to supply all that may be desired by Mr. Harbert.

Sale of horses

From the Western Horse Market sending account of the sale of ten condemned horses for the net sum of $244.55 which was deposited to the credit of the Park Fund with the City Treasurer, November 29, 1915.

Sale approved.

Re. Grand Jury's report.

From Russell Pierce, Expert Accountant of the Grand Jury, enclosing copy of letter sent by him to Wm. P. Filmer, Grand Juror, which reads as follows:

"As is inevitable in a case where censure is directed at any body as a whole, certain units to whih no censure should be justly given or included wrongfully ente into generalities used.

In my communication to the Jury pointing out the defects of the present methods following in Municipal accounting, I have unwittingly brought blame to the door of two departments at least, where certainly it is unjustified. The departments in particular are the Board of Public Works and the Park Commission and I think that you are aware of my high esteem for these offices and the manner in which they conduct their business and if it is within my province to ask it, may I request some mention be made of the fact in the newspapers that not only was our criticism not directed at any single department, but at the accounting system in its entirety and further, that the books of the Park Commission and of the Board of Public Works are being maintained along scientific lines with accuracy that is commendable and in no way justifying any criticism.

Were it within my individual province to suggest or install a system of accounts for the City at large, I annot state at this moment any basic change that I would make in the methods pursued in these two offices other than seeing to their confirmation to certain forms of reports. In making this statement, however, I am fully aware that there is much improvement work to be accomplished along statistical lines in a few of the different departments of the Board."

Read and Secretary instructed to send copy to each Commissioner.

Re. 14th Ave. Boulevard.

From R. W. Martindale enclosing letter sent by him to the Board of Supervisors relative to the unfinished condition of the west side of 14th Avenue Boulevard.

Ordered filed.

Bond of Bennett Bros.

The new bond of Bennett Bros. in the sum of $500.00 was presented and referred to Pres. Metson.

Re. extension of Judson Avenue.

From the Board of Public Works requesting the extension of Judson Avenue across Balboa Park.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Re. donations from P.P.I.E,

Supt. McLaren reported that the Cuban Commissioners will donate plants belonging to them now in the Horticulture Building.

Accepted with thanks of the Board.

Supt. McLaren reported that Mr. McNab of the Buildings and Grounds Committee informed him that the Board of Directors of the P.P.I.E. have passed a resolution allowing the Park Commissioners all the plants and trees they desire.

The Superintendent's recommendation that a letter of thanks be sent the Directors for their kindness and generosity was approved.

Supt. McLaren reported that he will try and secure the Chinese Gateway and the Siam Building now at the Exposition.

Board approved his selections.

Report on water.

Report of Board of Public Health on water used in Golden Gate Park read and filed.

Supt. McLaren's report.

Report of Supt. McLaren for the month of November, 1915 read and recommendations adopted.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary Park Commissioners.

San Francisco, December 23rd, 1915.

Called meeting.

n

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, Decsmbsr 23rd, 1915,

Present were; Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. Curtis H. Lindley,
Com. A. B. Sprsckels,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum.

Excused: Com. M. Earl Cummings.

Minutes adopted.

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to the Commissioners, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried adopted as the minutes of the meeting held December 9th, 1915.

Letters re. Municipal Railroad.

From Mayor Rolph acknowledging receipt of copies of letters from Osgood Putman, the Forum Club and the California Club, all protesting against a railroad across Golden Gate Park except by subway.

Ordered filed.

Re. statue of Christ.

From Mayor Rolph, to Pres. Metson acknowledging receipt of his letter relative to the statue of Christ by Prof. Ramanelli and thanking the President for the information contained therein so that he might send it to the Board of Supervisors for perusal.

Ordered filed.

From the Board of Supervisors, notice of the passage of Rssolution J.R. 2000 requesting the Board of Park Commissioners to re-consider their action in refusing to placs the statue of Christ in the Park, but recommending that it be placed in the Museum.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Board of Supervisors as follows:

#2

"At a meeting held December 23rd, 1915, the Board of Park Commissioners considered Resolution J.R. 2000 passed by your Honorable Board requesting the Park Commissioners to reconsider their action refusing to place the statue of Christ in the Park Grounds," but recommending that it be placed in the Park Museum where all valuable marble statue are placed and receive proper protection and where they will not be disfigured as in the case of Reuben H. Lloyd bust near the Portals of the Past.

After due consideration the Board of Park Commissioners refused to re-consider their previous action as per request contained in the above Resolution.

The Secretary was instructed to inform the Board of Supervisors that the Park Commissioners apprehend that at the time the members of your Honorable Board passed Resolution J.R. 2000 you were not advised of the view of the Park Board but since that time have been advised through the communication submitted by Pres. Metson of the Park Commission of the position taken by this Commission and respectfully advise that the contents of Pres. Metson's letter be taken as the view and attitude of the Board of Park Commissioners on the matter of the statue of Christ."

Legacy for purchase of oil paintings for Museum

From R. M. Sims, Mercantile Trust Company of San Francisco, enclosing copy of letter he had addressed to the Board of Supervisors relative to legacy of ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00) made by the Will of Alice Skae, deceased, for the purchase of one or more oil paintings for the art gallery in the Memorial Museum, Golden Gate Park.

Secretary instructed to acknowledge receipt of letter and to write to the Board of Supervisors and learn what action they have taken to secure the legacy.

Re. removal of Japanese Temple.

From K. Tamai, seeking employment to re-erect the Japanese Temple upon its removal from the Exposition Grounds to Golden Gate Park.

Ordered filed.

Re. Japanese donation.

From H. Yamawaki, offering to donate one two-story building, one gate, trees and stones now in the Japanese Garden at the Exposition upon the following conditions:

#3

1. That the Park Commissioners begin the removal of the same at once.

2. That the Park Commissioners level the grounds of the entire Japanese Garden.

3. All expenses relative to the transfer of the building, gate, stones and trees shall be paid by the Park Commission.

Referred to Supt. McLeren.

Re. Municipal R.R.

From the Corona Club of California requesting that if any railroad connection be made between the Sunset and Richmond Districts it be made by tunnel and by no means by an open cut.

Copy ordered sent to Mayor Rolph.

Watch for Museum.

From Mary Copeland Colley asking if the Board would value for the Museum, a watch carried by her Grandfather in 1812, about 104 years old.

Secretary referred the communication to Curator Barron who reported he had obtained the watch.

Action approved.

Checks for empty cement sacks.

Received from the Standard Portland Cement Corporation checks for $89.60 and $48.00 respectively for empty cement sacks returned. Secretary reported that the checks had been deposited with Treasurer.

Action approved.

Re. caddies in Lincoln Park.

From Edward Brandenstein enclosing copy of letter received by him from Chief of Police White relative to a complaint made by Mr. Brandenstein of gambling by the caddies in Lincoln Park. He recommends that a caddie master be appointed who should have the authority of a special police officer .

Ordered filed.

#4

Re. Golf permits.

Two communications were received from A.P. Fisher, Secretary Lincoln Park Golf Club suggesting the appointment of a starter and the issuing of golf permits. The income from the permits would practically pay the wages of the starter. The letters contain much information regarding Golf gathered from many large cities of the United States.

Referred to Supt. McLaren for investigation and report at some future meeting of the Board, with present instructions to issue permits to play on the Lincoln Golf Links or designate some one else to issue the permits.

Pigeons offered to Park.

From Mrs. Mary Newhouse offering to donate the pigeons now at the Exposition Grounds if the Board will accept and care for and feed them.

Accepted with grateful thanks of the Board of Park Commissioners.

Request for buffalo and ostriches.

From the Tulare County Board of Forestry, asking for a small herd of buffalo and ostrich.

The Board agreed to send the Forestry Board two buffalo and the matter of the ostriches was referred to Pres. Metson.

Re. Laurel Hill Cemetery for Park.

From the Mayor's office with enclosure from E. Val. Schmidt, suggesting that the Laurel Hill Cemetery be utilized as a Park.

Secretary instructed to notify Mr. Schmidt that it will be necessary for him to pursuade the Board of Supervisors to purchase the Cemetery and transfer it to the Park Board before same may be used for park purposes.

Re. Cole St. crossing.

From the Mayor's office enclosing petition of property owners and residents of the neighborhood of Cole and Fell Streets which states "each of us favors the action heretofore taken by the Park Commission in closing Cole Street crossing and hope that they will

#5

maintain their position".

Ordered filed.

Re. Japanese donation.

From Jiro Harada, to Pres, Metson stating that he was in receipt of the President's letter accepting the donation of one two-story building, one gate, trees and stones in the Japanese Garden at the Exposition.

He also states that from a conversation with Mr. Geo. Barron he understood that the Park Commissioners will accept the gift of special exhibit Hall in the Garden, and requests to be informed of the acceptance of this additional donation to the City of San Francisco.

Referred to Pres. Metson.

Re. statues in Park.

From "A great admirer of Goldsn Gate Park" who protests against making a cemetery out of Golden Gate Park by placing therein statues of "the worthies of the world".

Copy ordered sent to Mayor Rolph.

Re. Health Report.

Report of Board of Public Health on samples of milk and cream received and ordered filed.

Re. extension of Judson Avenue.

From the Board of Public Works stating that they are in receipt of a communication from the Park office stating that Supt. McLaren had approved of the plans submitted by the Board of Public Works for the extension of Judson Avenue through Balboa Park to Phelan Avenue.

They request that the Park Commissioners request the Board of Supervisors to set aside and dedicate for public street purposes the land described in their communication of December 9th.

Secretary instructsd to comply with the request.

#6

Curator's report.

The report of Curator Barron was read and ordered filed.

Childrens' Quarters report.

Report of the Childrens' Quarters for the month of November, 1915 read and copies ordered sent members of the Board. Ordered filed.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary--Park Commissioners.

San Francisco, January 13th, 1916.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, December 23rd, 1915

Present were: Pres. V. H. Metson,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum.

Absent: Com. Curtis H. Lindley.

Minutes adopted.

The minutes of the previous meeting, copids of which were sent to the Commissioners, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, adopted as the minutes of the meeting held December 23rd, 1915.

Certificates of re-appointment.

From Mayor Rolph, enclosing certificates of re-appointment as Park Commissioners, Messrs. Curtis H. Lindley and A. B. Spreckels.

Secretary ordered to spread same in full on the minutes of this meeting.

Re. Masonic Ave. crossing.

Messrs. E. N. Fritz and R. P. Martin of the Haight and Ashbury Improvement Club being present were invited to address the Board. They called attention to the two communications in favor of opening Masonic Avenue through the Panhandle sent by the Haight & Ashbury Improvement Club in which they desire better communication with the north side of the Panhandle and vice versa. Masonic Avenue being the widest street across the Panhandle and centrally located they feel it is the most practical crossing that can be selected.

Attorney J. M. Peckham, representing about fifty protestants whose names were signed to a petition which was ordered filed for future reference, also spoke at length against the opening of the crossing through the

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME; GREETING:

Reposing special confidence in the fidelity and ability of

A. B. SPRECKELS

I do, by these presents, by virtue of the authority vested in my by the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco appoint him a P A R K C O M M I S S I O N E R,

in and for the City and County of San Francisco, he to hold said office for the term of four years from and after the eighth day of January, 1916, vice himself, term expired.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name and caused the seal of my office to be affixed hereto, this eighth day of January, 1916.

ATTEST:

Edward Rainey, (signed)
Secretary

(signed) JAMES ROLPH, JR.
Mayor.

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME; GREETING:

Reposing special confidence in the fidelity and ability of

CURTIS H. LINDLEY

I do, by these presents, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco, appoint him a P A R K C O M M I S S I O N E R,

in and for the City and County of San Francisco he to hold said office for the term of four years from and after the eighth day of January, 1916, vice himself, term expired.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name and caused the seal of my office to be affixed hereto, this eighth day of January, 1916.

ATTEST:

Edward Rainey (signed)
Secretary

(signed) JAMES ROLPH, JR.,
Mayor.

Park. He filed a written statement of the objections of the protesting petitioners to the opening of Masonic Avenue through the Panhandle.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried the subject matter was taken under advisement.

Re. Thos. Hill paintings.

From the Mayor's office with enclosure from J. E. Williamson relative to the purchase of Thos. Hill's painting "Driving the Last Spike" for the Park Museum.

Referred to Com. Cummings.

Re. suggested improvements in Park.

From Edw. Rainey, Secretary to the Mayor, enclosing communication from Chas. M. Bufford suggesting some changes and additions to some of the present paths, walks, etc., in Golden Gate Park.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Request for position.

From Mayor's office with enclosure from Geo. Zapas asking for a position to take care of the Greek statuary when same is removed from the Exposition Grounds to the Park Museum.

Secretary instructed to acknowledge receipt of letter and place same on file for future reference.

Re. marble chairs for Civic Center.

From Mayor James Rolph, Jr., enclosing a petition signed by Ed. Hill and Wm. H. Wallis, requesting the privilege of installing ornamental marble chairs, not exceeding one hundred in number, in the Civic Center of San Francisco with permission to place an inscription in a proper place on each chair, commemorative of the donor or the occasion on which it is presented to the City. If permission is granted the chairs are to be free of cost to the City and County of San Francisco.

Referred to Com. Cummings.

Re. legacy of Alice Skae.

From the Board of Supervisors enclosing notice of adoption of J.R. 2004 relative to legacy of $10,000. from Alice Skae, deceased, and informing the Park Commissioners that when received the same will be deposited to the credit of the Park Fund.

Ordered filed.

Re. Phelan Avenue.

From the Board of Supervisors enclosing Bill No. 3855, Ordinance 3529 which reads as follows:

(New Series) Setting aside and dedicating certain lands for street purposes and declaring the said lands to be an open public street to be named Phelan Avenue.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco as follows:

Section 1. The following described lands are hereby set aside and dedicated for street purposes and declared an open public street to be named Phelan Avenue

COMMENCING at a point formed by the intercession of the westerly line of Balboa Park (formerly House of Refuge lot) and the southerly line of the Sunnyside Tract, said point being the northwesterly corner of Balboa Park (formerly House of Refuge lot)thence running in a southerly direction along the westerly boundary line of said Balboa Park (formerly House of Refuge lot) nineteen hundred and fifty five (1955) feet, more or less to the northerly line of Ocean Avenue with a uniform width of forty nine feet, one inch (49 feet 1 inch) extending easterly from the said westerly line of Balboa Park.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Ordinance read and ordered filed.

Re. road connecting Lincoln Park with Fort Miley

From U. S. War Department relative to building a short roadway or drive connecting Fort Miley and Lincoln Park.

The War Department desires to ascertain if the Park Commissioners would be willing to grant a right of way through Lincoln Park for the purpose of laying pipes or conduits between the Presidio and Fort Miley.

This request was granted provided necessary work to be done on Park property be done under the supervision of Supt. John McLaren.

United Railroads right of way.

From the United Railroads of San Francisco check in payment of right of way, for $100.00, through the westerly end of Golden Gate Park.

Check ordered deposited to credit of Park Fund.

Re. donations from Exposition to Golden Gate Pk.

From Board of Supervisors, notice of the adoption of J. R. #2012 which reads as follows:

Whereas, the White Pine Building has been presented to the City and has been accepted by the Park Commissioners as a desirable addition to Lincoln Park as a club house for golf players and
Whereas, The Government of Siam has presented to the City its building at the Exposition and the Park Commission has accepted as desirable for Golden Gate Park, and

Whereas, The Japanese Commissioners have offered the beautiful temple and gateway in the Japanese Exposition Garden, and the Park Commission desires to add these features to the Japanese Gardens in Golden Gate Park, and

Whereas, The Exposition Preservation Commission has asked the Board of Supervisors to appropriate the funds required for the removal and installation of these gifts, and

Whereas, All the funds in the City Treasury have been covered by budget appropriation, and there is no fund from which the appropriation may be made, and

Whereas, The acceptance of these valuable gifts is highly desirable and will greatly add to the attractiveness of our parks; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Exposition Directors be asked to meet the expense as a part of the preservation which is understood is within their power, as their articles of incorporation authorized them to make gifts to the City.

RESOLVED, That public spirited citizens and those expressly interested in these generous donations be asked to co-operate in this matter, making possible the acceptance of the gifts with which we are in full sympathy, but wholly unable to financially provide for

Ordered filed.

Re. Market Street baskets.

From Adolph Uhl, representing the Down Town Association forwarding check for $171.95 to cover balance of charge for the care and up keep of the baskets on the Market Street trolley poles.

Check ordered deposited to credit of Park Fund.

Re. statue to Cervantes in Park.

From J. C. Cebrian and E. J. Molera asking permission to erect, at their own expense, a bronze and granite monument of Cervantes, this being the third centenary of the death of that great Spanish genius. Mr. J. J. Mora of San Francisco is the sculptor and the monument is to be inaugurated during the month of April.

Referred to Com. Cummings.

Offer of gateways, benches, etc.

From S. Nakahara, who desires to donate to Golden Gate Park, two gateways, summer house and benches now in Japan Beautiful to Golden Gate Park. Mr. Nakahara offers to pay all freight and other charges connected with their removal from the Exposition Grounds, to the Park.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Re. insurance on painting "The Oaks".

From Rudolph Herold, Jr., enclosing policy covering painting by Arthur Mathews "The Oaks" while loaned to the San Francisco Art Institute.

The painting having been returned to the Memorial Art Gallery and the premium having been paid by Mr. Lemos the policy was ordered returned to Mr. Herold for cancellation.

Re. grass roots.

From City of Hermosa Beach, requesting that a good sample of Marram Grass roots be sent to the address of Mr. B. T. Brown, City Clerk, at his expense.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Re. trees in Civic Center.

From North of Panhandle Improvement Club requesting that evergreen trees indigenous to California and typical of her landscapes be planted in the Civic Center. Some trees are wanted which will remind the visitor from beyond our borders that he is not at home.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. Taraval Sq.

From Parkside Improvement Association thanking the Park Commissioners for the improvements ordered for Taraval Square .

Ordered filed.

Re. Novagems for Museum.

From the Novagem Jewel Company desiring to donate for exhibition purposes in the Park Museum, one or more sets of jewels in their original holders, just as they were taken from the Tower of Jewels.

Referred to Curator Barron.

Re. condemned fire horses.

From the Board of Fire Commissioners informing the Board of Park Commissioners that they have a number of horses that are of no further use to the Fire Department.

Secretary de Succa informed the Board that by direction of the Superintendent two of the horses had already been obtained.

Trees for Playground Commission.

From the Playground Commission requesting the Park Commissioners to give them eight acacia trees for the North Beach Playgrounds to replace those blown down and destroyed by the recent storm.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. hours of police officers.

From Chief of Police White agreeing to change the hour of the police officer for reporting on duty at McAllister and Stanyan Streets from 10 A.M. instead of 9 A.M. to 6 P.M. instead of 5 P.M.

Ordered filed.

Re. White Pine Building.

From M. Kraemer, Manager White Pine Building, to Supt. McLaren stating that it is essential that the Division of Works of the Panama Pacific International Exposition be notified of the taking over of the White Pine Building and its eventual moving to Lincoln Park.

The Superintendent instructed the Secretary to inform Mr. Kraemer that it is not possible to give him definite information relative to the removal of the White Pine Building to Lincoln Park. The Preservation Committee is at present endeavoring to secure money either by a vote of the Board of Supervisors or by popular sub-

scription for this purpose.

Action approved.

Report Board of Health.

Report of Department of Public Health on Park water read and ordered filed.

Donation from New Zealand Commission.

From Hon. Edmond Clifton, New Zealand Commissioner to the Exposition, donating One hundred and fifty plants from the New Zealand Building at the Panama Pacific Exposition to Golden Gate Park.

Letter of thanks sent Mr. Clifton.

Report Superintendent Parks.

Report for the month of December, 1915 was received from Supt. John McLaren, read, adopted and recommendations approved.

Report Childrens' Quarters.

Report of Supt. La Rue of the Childrens' Quarters read and copies ordered sent the Commissioners.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary-Park Commissioners.

San Francisco, January 27th, 1916.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, January 27th, 1916

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum,
Com. M. Earl Cummings.
Excused: Com. Curtis H. Lindley.

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to the Commissioners, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, adopted as the minutes of the meeting held January 13th, 1916.

Ex. Park Commissioner present.

Ex-Park Commissioner Andrew G. McCarthy honored the Board with his presence, being invited to sit with the Board during its session he took a deep interest in the proceedings.

Re. bonds of employees.

From Auditor Boyle advising the Board of Park Commissioners that there is nothing in the Charter or law which makes the Auditor the custodian of the bonds of any employees of the City Government other than regularly appointed or elected officers. Auditor Boyle's attorney, Edw. F. Moran, has rendered this opinion.

Ordered filed.

Re. Masonic Ave. crossing.

From I. M. Peckham communication containing substance of his remarks protesting against the opening of Masonic Avenue through the Panhandle, made at a previous meeting of the Board and which he requests be filed with the recordsof the Commission.

Ordered filed for future reference.

Re. portrait of Robert Burns; and Alice Skae legacy.

From Board of Supervisors enclosing letter from Mrs. I.H. Cory, Grass Valley, offering for sale the portrait of Robert Burns now in the Park Museum.

The $10,000.00 legacy left the Park Commission by Alice Skae, deceased, has not yet been turned over to the Park Fund and therefore consideration of the offer was deferred for the present.

Secretary instructed to inquire what efforts are being made by Mayor James Rolph, Jr., to obtain money and have it deposited to the credit of the Park Fund.

Re. buffaloes.

From Earle Wilkins of Ocean Park, California, offering to sell seven head of buffaloes for $3250.00.

By instructions received from the Superintendent, Mr. Wilkins was informed that the price was too high.

Superintendent's instructions approved.

Re. marble statue "Hymn".

From Pres. Metson with enclosure to Com. M. Earl Cummings relative to a letter received by the President from Mrs. Ida Hanson of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Swedish American World's Fair Commission expressing a desire to present a marble statue "Hymn" to the Park Museum.

Com. Cummings reported in favor of accepting the statue and extending the grateful thanks of the Board for the donation.

Secretary instructed to so inform Mrs. Hanson.

Re. water fowl.

From Board of Park Commissioners, City of Toledo, desiring to purchase some water fowl to stock the various streams and ponds in their parks.

The Superintendent instructed the Secretary to inform them that this Board has no water fowl for sale.

Action approved.

Re. condemned fire horses.

From Board of Fire Commissioners informing this Board that the request for two condemned fire horses has been granted and the horses ordered turned over to the Park Commissioners.

Ordered filed.

Re. insurance on "The Oaks".

From Rudolph Herold, Jr., stating that the premium of $4.95 on account of the insurance policy covering the painting "The Oaks" has been paid and the policy cancelled.

Ordered filed.

Re. Band concerts omitted.

From Prof. Chas. H. Cassasa submitting a list of Sundays and holidays on which there were no band concerts on account of rain, from January 3rd, 1915 to January 16th, 1916, thereby saving to the Park Commission the sum of $3262.50.

Ordered filed.

Check from Spring Valley Water Co.

From the Spring Valley Water Company, a check for $227.25 cost of the labor for hauling one hundred and eleven loads of rock to 19th Avenue.

Check deposited to credit of Park Fund.

Re. merry go round.

From Geo. W. Cameron representing the Park Commission of Baltimore, Md., who desire to learn if we allow carrousels in any of the Parks of this City

Secretary informed Mr. Cameron that there was one in Golden Gate Park which proved a very satisfactory amusement to the children, under ten years of age they are allowed two rides for five cents.

Action approved.

Re. statue of Cervantes.

Com. Cummings reported in favor of accepting the bronze and granite statue to Cervantes provided the full size model is satisfactory to the Park Commission.

Secretary instructed to inform Mr. Cebrian and Mr. Molera of the action of the Board.

Curator's report.

Curator Barron's report for December, 1915 read and ordered filed.

Pres. Metson re-elected.

Upon motion of Com. Greenebaum, seconded by Com. Spreckels, and carried unanimously Com. W. H. Metson was re-elected President of the Park Commission for the ensuing year.

Supt. McLaren re-elected.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried unanimously, John McLaren was re-elected Superintendent of Parks and Squares.

Jas. de Succa re-elected.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried unanimously, James de Succa was re-elected Secretary of the Park Commission.

Geo. Barron re-elected.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried unanimously, George H. Barron was re-elected Curator of the Park Museum.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

SECRETARY-PARK COMMISSIONERS.

San Francisco, February 10th, 1916.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, February 10th, 1916

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Com. Curtis H. Lindley,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum,
Com. A. B. Spreckels.

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to the Commissioners, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried adopted as the minutes of the meeting held January 27th, 1916.

Re. canoe on Stow Lake.

Dr. E. J. Howard appeared before the Board and asked for the privilege of placing his canoe on Stow Lake.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Resignation of B. D. La Rue.

The resignation of Mr. B. D. La Rue, Superintendent of the Childrens' Quarters was forwarded to Pres. W. H. Metson January 27th, 1916. Supt. La Rue thanked the members of the Board for the courtesies extended to himself and wife during the past six years. The resignation was accepted.

Pres. Metson appointed Mr. D. Wooster Taylor as Superintendent at the same salary to take effect Jan. 31st, 1916 at five o'clock P.M., subject to the approval of the Park Commissioners.

The appointment of Mr. Taylor was confirmed by the Board February 10th, 1916, the bond of the Superintendent to be Ten Thousand Dollars($10000.).

Re. Childrens' Quarters Revolving Fund.

Secretary de Succa reported having received One Hundred Dollars ($100.) from Acting Superintendent Louise La Rue, the same being allowed as a revolving fund for the payment of incidental expenses.

Secretary de Succa gave Supt. Taylor $100.00 as a Revolving Fund for incidental expenses taking his receipt for same.

Re. Park Accounts.

From Auditor Boyle stating that he had checked up statement of accounts of the Park Fund submitted by Miss M. B. Fairman, Park Accountant, from July 1st, 1915 to Decsmber 31st, 1916 and found the following figures to be correct and in agreement with the Auditor's Books:

PARK FUNDS:

Appropriation and Receipts	$397,647.10
Disbursements	225,381.91
Balance	$172,265.19

Ordered filed.

Rs. Masonic Ave. crossing.

From Zoeth Eldrsdge protesting against the application of the Haight and Ashbury Improvement Club for the opening of Masonic Avenue across the Panhandle. A second communication from Mr. Eldredge declares he has examined the Panhandle at Masonic Avenue "And finds that to open that street seven noble trses--some of them 100 feet high would have to be sacrificed, as well as a large strstch of lawn and ornamental shrubs".

Placed on file for future reference.

Re. removal of trees from P.P.I.E.

From C. C. Moore, President Panama Pacific International Exposition Company who states that "owing to the desiro of the War Dspartment to use for military purposes the ares in which trees are now planted, it is necessary that they be removed therefrom".

Referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Re. paintings by Hugo Fisher.

From J. Alexander requesting permission to place two paintings by Hugo Fisher in the Park Museum until such time as he might wish them returned to him.

Referred to Curator Barron who reported that upon

inspection of the paintings he had declined to accept them.

Action approved.

Request for information.

From California State Mining Bureau, requesting information relative to the quantity of building stone, macadam, concrete, sand and gravel used during the year 1915.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. statue of Hans Christian Anderson.

From the Denmark Building Committee, P.P.I.E. stating that a special Committee has been appointed to arrange the details for the placing of a bronze statue of Hans Christian Anderson in Golden Gate Park.

Referred to Com. M. Earl Cummings.

Re. buffalo.

From Earl Wilkins who desires to dispose of seven head of buffaloes. By instructions received from Supt. McLaren the Secretary proposed an exchange of one bull buffalo and refused to entertain the purchase of the seven buffaloes.

Action approved.

To advertise for loam.

The Secretary was instructed to advertise for bids for the supplying of one thousand cubic yards of loam to be delivered at Taraval and 22nd Avenue.

Supt. McLaren's report.

Supt.McLaren's report for the month of January, 1916 read and recommendations approved and report adopted.

Re. milk and cream report.

Report of Board of Health on milk and cream referred to Supt. Taylor.

Report on water.

Report of Board of Health on water used in Park read and filed.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board, meeting adjourned subject to call of President.

Secretary-Park Commissioners

San Francisco, February 24th, 1916.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, February 24th, 1916

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum.

Absent: Com. Curtis H. Lindley.

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to the Commissioners, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, adopted as the minutes of the meeting held February 10th, 1916.

Re. Japanese Gates in South Park.

Mr. C. Zwierlin, accompanied by a number of ladies who had signed a protest against the erection of Japanese Gateways at the two entrances to South Park, appeared before the Board. It was declared by the protestants that the Japanese are an undesirable element in any residential section of the City as their methods of securing property at a high rental and after the expiration of the first lease demanding a big reduction of rent, depreciate the value of the surrounding property

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the protest was allowed and the Secretary instructed to notify Mr. S. Nakahara that the permit to erect the arches in South Park has been revoked.

Re. Budget.

From the Board of Supervisors requesting Budget Estimate for the year 1916-17 and that it be filed on or before March 15th , 1916.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Secretary's Bond.

From Jas. C. Hayburn, receipt showing the payment of the premium on Secretary James de Succa's bond of $5,000.00 for one year from March 1st, 1916 to March 1st, 1917.

Ordered filed.

Re. Siam Building.

From the Mayor's office enclosing copy of letter sent to His Excellency the Siamese Minister deploring the failure to have conveyed the Mayor's appreciation and thanks to him for the splendid tribute to San Francisco of the presentation of the beautiful building maintained by Siam at the Panama Pacific International Exposition which he now desires to acknowledge.

Ordered filed.

Re. Chineso Building.

From Mayor's Assistant Secretary stating that "For your inspection and advice as to the answer I shall frame, I enclose herewith a letter from Hon. Chen Chi Commissioner General of the Republic of China to the Panama Pacific International Exposition, in which a request is made that the City and County of San Francisco assume immediate control of the Chinese Government Pavilion which the Commissioner has tendered as an additional attraction to our Park".

Secretary instructed to inform the Mayor's Office that Supt. McLaren will see Mr. H. D. H. Connick, Director of Works, P.P.I.E., for the purpose of protecting the building until further action of the Board.

Re. azalea plants.

From Secretary to the Japanese Commission, P.P.I.E., enclosing receipt for the Azalea plants donated to Golden Gate Park by the exhibitor.

Secretary reported having signed a receipt for nineteen pots of Azaleas. Action approved.

Re. Jitney busses, on Great Highway

From A.E. Clark making application for a permit for himself and Mr. S. Levi to operate two jitney busses along the Ocean Highway from Sloat Boulevard to the Cliff House, picking up and letting off passengers along the route, the fare to be ten cents.

Application denied.

Re. carving of Exposition.

From Alfred Lee stating that he had decided to present the City with a carving of the Panama Pacific International Exposition on which he has worked about one year.

Referred to Com. Cummings.

Re. inspection of fire apparatus.

From Thomas R. Murphy, Chief Engineer, San Francisco Fire Department, advising that he had directed Battalion Chief Maxwell to attend to the matter of having the fire extinguishers, etc., in the different locations at the Golden Gate Park inspected at regular intervals in the future.

Secretary instructed to thank Chief Murphy.

Re. crossing through Panhandle.

From the North of Panhandle Improvement Club stating that on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Committee on Playgrounds and Parks of the said Club were directed to petition the Board of Park Commissioners that one of the streets in the Panhandle between Stanyan and Baker Streets, be opened as a thoroughfare for vehicles at the earliest possible date.

Ordered filed for future reference.

Re. removal of Japanese Building.

From T. Shintani offering to tear down the Japanese Government Building the Kincocuyi at the Exposition Grounds, and rebuild the same in Golden Gate Park under certain conditions contained herein for the sum of $9850.00.

Proposition declined.

Re. ostriches.

From A.E. Cooley who instructs Supt. McLaren to deliver to W.H. Jones three of the ostriches that were loaned to the Park by him.

Request granted.

Request for information.

From the Library Association of Portland requesting information re. golf links.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Bids on loam.

The following bids were received for the delivery of one thousand (1000) cubic yards of loam to 22nd Avenue and Taraval:

F.X. Lehner:

1000 cubic yards of loam $1.35 per cu.yd.

James E. Lennon Co.;

1000 cubic yards of loam for $1900.00

E.M. Huie & Co:

1000 cubic yards of loam $ .75 per cu.yd.

D. O. Church Co.:

1000 cubic yards of loam .73 per cu.yd.

Contract awarded.

The lowest bidder being D. O. Church Co., the contract was awarded them for Seventy three cents ($.73) per cubic yard.

Report on milk.

Report of the Board of Public Health on ice cream and milk received and referred to Supt. Taylor.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary, Park Commissioners.

San Francisco, March 9th, 1916.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, March 9th, 1916

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum,

Absent: Com. Curtis H. Lindley.

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to the Commissioners, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, adopted as the minuteo of the meeting held February 24th, 1916.

Re. Telegraph Hill.

A Committee representing the North Beach Promotion Association appeared before the Board and requested that the sum of $15,000.00 be included in the Park Commissioners' Budget Estimate for the purpose of improving Telegraph Hill during the fiscal year 1916-17.

This wao agreed to and the Committee informed that they must go before the Board of Supervisors and Finance Committee and urge the allowance of this amount as it is against the policy of the Park Commission to advocate the many allowances asked for by the Improvement Clubs.

Re. condemned hose wagons.

From the Board of Fire Commissioners informing the Park Board that their request for three condemned hoe wagons was granted.

Secretary instructed to tender them the thanks of tho Board.

Re. walks Civic Center.

From Louis Levy, Manager Auditorium Building, calling attention to the unpaved walks in the"Civic Center Plaza" making it difficult to keep the floors of the Auditorium free of the red mud and dust carried into the Building by people passing through the Plaza which will also apply to the floors of the New City Hall.

Secretary instructed to notify Mr. Levy that, owing to lack of funds, nothing can be done at present.

Re. Municipal R.R.

From the Laurel Hall Club, protesting against the proposed attempt to divide Golden Gate Park by running a Municipal Railway through it; also protesting against a crossing through the Panhandle at Masonic Ave. which they regard as a menace and danger.

Secretary instructed to thank the members of the Club for their interest in the Park.

Re. Municipal R.R.

From the California Club protesting against an open cut through the Park for a Municipal or any other street Railway, as the object can be attained by the simple expedient of tunnelling the Park.

Secretary instructed to extend the thanks of the members of the Board for the interest taken in the Park by the Club.

Re. Municipal R.R.

From the Mayor's office with enclosure from the Forum Club, in which they desire that some scheme be devised that will permit of the operation of a railway through the Park without interfering with the people's use of the Park.

Secretary instructed to thank them for their interest in the Park.

Re. removal of pipes, Filtration Plant, P.P.I.E.

From A, W. Markwart, Assistant Director of Works, P.P.I.E., giving the Park Board notice that they will shortly remove the pipes, pumps, etc., from Golden Gate Park as per clauses three and four of the contract executed March 3rd, 1915 between the Park Commission and

the Panama Pacific International Exposition Company.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Re, music program.

From Jos. R. Hickey and H. R. Reimer asking for the right and privilege of publishing and circulating a program book of musical numbers rendered by the Park Band, the books to contain news items pertaining to the Museum, Academy of Science, Childrens Quarters and legitimate advertisments.

Referred to Supt. McLaren for report.

Re. stolen birds.

From Chief of Police, D.A. White, who was notified by Supt. McLaren of the theft of a White Turkey gobbler and a Carasau from the Park Aviary. The Chief promises that every effort is being made to apprehend the culprit and recover the property in question.

Ordered filed.

Re. bill for damages against Jas. E. Lennon Co.

From Locomobile Company of America relative to their claim for $83.81 for repairs to Park automobile caused by the careless handling of a truck by the driver in the employ of the James E. Lennon Lime & Cement Co.

As a denial of liability has been made by the Aronson Insurance Company who insured the truck of the James E. Lennon Company, the Secretary was instructed to place all the data relative to this matter in the possession of the City Attorney with the further instructions that he sue the Lennon Company to recover the amount of damages sustained.

Re. offer of doe.

From R. L. Flory, Richmond, California, offering a Doe, one year old, to the Park as he is obliged to dispose of the animal.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. Budget.

The Board adopted the Park Budget Estimate for the fiscal year 1916-17 amounting to $824,410.00.

Copies ordered sent Board of Supervisors and City and County Auditor.

Re. Jefferson Square.

From the Grand Jury forwarding a petition sent to them by a number of residents in the neighborhood of Jefferson Square calling attention of the Grand Jury to the condition of the sidewalks from Gough to Laguna St. through Jefferson Square. Both sides of the walk are bordered with bushes and shrubbery, excellent hiding places for hold-up men and vagrants.

Referred to Supt. McLaren and Secretary instructed to return original document to Grand Jury after making a copy of same.

Re. Civic League banquet.

From the Civic League of Improvement Clubs inviting the members of the Park Commission to their Popular Banquet in honor of the present Municipal Administration.

Ordered filed.

Re. bill for Japanese Gates.

From S. Nakahara who states he has sustained a loss of Seventy Dollars ($70.00) because of buying and then hauling the Japanese Gateways from the Exposition Grounds to South Park and after obtaining permission to erect them at each entrance to South Park, a protest of the property owners against their erection was sustained and the permit revoked.

The claim was allowed and ordered paid if necessary.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. Japanese Bldg.

From M. Makino who submits a bid of $4536.00 for tearing down and erecting in Golden Gate Park the building named "Kinkakeji" in the P.P.I.E. Grounds.

For tearing down the building only, his bid would be $1100.00.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. keys of Japanese Building.

From Secretary to His Imperial Japanese Majesty's Commission, sending the keys of the Temple and Special Exhibit Hall in the Japanese Gardens, P.P.I.E. which have been donated to Golden Gate Park.

Permit to remove plants, etc., must be obtained from Mr. Teagar, Traffic Manager of the Exposition who has been informed of the donation to Golden Gate Park.

The Board agreed they had no funds to move the buildings and referred the matter to Supt. McLaren for report.

Re. Foreign Buildings donated to Park.

From the Foreign Secretary to the Chinese Commission relative to the removal of the Chinese Government Pavilion at the Exposition Grounds to the Park. To remove this building from the Exposition to the Park will cost between four and five thousand dollars.

The Board as in the case of similar propositions decided that no money was available to pay for the wrecking and removal to the Park and their erection there.

The Board of Supervisors accepted these buildings and turned them over to the Park Commission but failed to provide funds for their removal.

Supt. McLaren's report.

Report of Supt. McLaren for month of February, 1916 read and adopted and recommendations approved.

Supt. Taylor's report.

Report of Supt. D.W. Taylor, Childrens' Quarters read and copies ordered sent the Commissioners.

Re. sheep.

From Arthur Ruppel offering three pair of sheep for $300.00.

Referred to Supt. McLaren and copy ordered sent to Pres. Metson.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary-Park Commission.

San Francisco, March 23rd, 1916.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, March 23rd, 1916

Present were: Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum.

Absent were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. Curtis H. Lindley.

Com. A. B. Spreckels President pro tem.

Pres. Metson, absent from the City, was unable to preside, therefore on motion of Com. Cummings, seconded by Com. Greenebaum and carried, Com. Spreckels was elected Chairman pro tem.

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to the Commissioners, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, adopted as the minutes of the meeting held March 9th, 1916.

Re. Esplanade.

From the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce enclosing copies of letters sent to Board of Public Works and the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors relative to just what parking will be done by the Park Commissioners on each side of the Ocean Beach Esplanade and they now petition the Park Board to recommend to the Board of Pub. Wks the paving of that portion of the Great Highway included in the first section of the Esplanade with an asphalt pavement so that this may be complete at the same time as the bulkhead is finished.

Referred to Supt. McLaren who was instructed to notify the Chamber of Commerce of the number of feet that will be parked of each side of the Great Highway and assure them of the co-operation of the Park Commissioners in securing sufficient funds to build the second section of the Esplanade to the Beach Chalet.

Re. key to Japanese Building.

From the University of California enclosing key to one of the Japanese Buildings at the Exposition which they had and which is sent the Park Commissioners at the request of the Secretary of the Japanese Commission.

Secretary instructed to acknowledge receipt and thank them for their interest.

Re. playground in Mission Park.

From the Mission Promotion Association requesting the Park Commissioners to utilize that portion of Mission Park bounded by Church, Dolores, 18th and 19th Streets for a childrens' playground.

Secretary instructed to request the Association to set forth more in detail just what was desired.

Bid on removal of Japanese Bldg.

From J. S. Kamiye submitting a bid for the removal of the Japanese Temple from the Exposition Grounds to Golden Gate Park and refitting same in the same manner as it now stands for Eight thousand eight hundred and fifty Dollars ($8850.00).

If porch of building is laid with white pine instead of tile the cost will be $1500.00 less.

Ordered filed.

Re. bonding companies.

From Assistant Secretary to the Mayor enclosing list of Bonding Companies issued by the United States Treasury Department which within certain limitations are acceptable as sureties on Federal bonds and requesting that hereafter bonds issued in behalf of the City of San Francisco be provided only by Companies therein designated.

Secretary instructed to comply with instructions.

Bid on electric work.

From Hetty Bros. offering to install electric work at the Childrens Quarters according to plans and specifications for the sum of $918.00.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

#3

Re. sand boxes and drinking fountains in Panhandle.

From residents in the neighborhhod of the Park Panhandle who desire to call the attention of the Park Commissioners to the lack of drinking fountains and amusements for the children in the Panhandle and suggesting that a few sand boxes provided at intervals throughout the Panhandle.

Referred to Supt, McLaren with the recommendation that the drinking fountains be installed but the Board objected to the sand boxes on account of their being very unsanitary unless the sand is frequently changed.

Re. music program.

From Jos. R. Hickey submitting a proposition for the privilege of publishing a music program containing musical numbers rendered by Park Band and advertisements which will be first class and subject to the approval of the Board and agreeing to pay ten per cent. of the revenue derived from the advertisements to the Park Board each month.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried permission was refused.

Report on ice cream and milk.

Report of Board of Public Health on milk and ice cream used at Childrens' Quarters read and referred to Supt. Taylor.

Curator's reports.

Reports of Curator Barron for January and February, 1916 read and filed.

Pheasants loaned.

By request of Thornwald Mullaly six stuffed pheasants were loaned to be taken to Santa Barbara where they will be used in an entertainment for charitable purposes, all expenses of shipment to be paid by him and the loan not to extend over thirty days.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to call of President.

Secretary-Park Commissioners.

San Francisco, April 6th, 1916.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissionero held at their office, Park Lodgo, Golden Gate Park, Thureday, April 6th, 1916

Present were: Com. Curtis H. Lindley,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. M. Earl Cumminge.

Abeent were: Pres. W. H. Mctson,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum.

Com. Lindlcy Chairman pro tem.

In the abeencc of Pree. Meteon from the City, Com. Cummings moved that Com. Lindley act ao Chairman pro tem., eeconded by Com. Spreckele; the motion being put by Ssclty. de Succa, was carried unanimouely.

Minutes.

Ths minutee of the previous meeting copieo of which were sent to the Commieeionere, were, upon motion duly made, eeconded and carried adopted ae the minutee of the meeting held March 23rd, 1916.

Utilitieo Committeo bofore Board, re. Municipal Railroad.

Suporvisor E. I. Wolfe, Chairman of the Committec on Public Utilities and Supervieore Deaey and Mulvihill, members of ths Committee, City Engineer M. M. O'Shaughnssoy and hie aeeistant Mr. Eckort, appeared before the Board.

Chairman Wolfe eaid thcy had called for the purpoee of securing the approval of the members of the Park Board to the revissd route through Golden Gate Park for the Municipal Railroad. He pleaded for an immediate favorable action. He stated that the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors were committed to the proposition by pre-election promiees to the reoidente of the Suneet and Richmond Diotricte. He stated that the new route was sclected to overcome the objections of the Board to the previoue route and should weigh favorably with the Commission and citizene who proteeted against the first propoosd route be-

cause the present route would not mar the beauty of the surroundings.

He stated that at the meeting of the Public Utilities Committee the day before, a member of the Committee made a motion that the Committee report back to the Board of Supervisors favorably on the revised route, as he was satisfied the Committee was prepared to vote on the question at once. Chairman Wolfe told the members of the Committee that he believed the question should be submitted to the Board of Park Commissioners as a matter of courtesy and respect, and as the Park Commission met the following day he would ask that the motion to report back favorably be not made until the following Monday and if he failed to bring a favorable report from the Park Commission then the member of the Committee (A. J. Gallagher) could renew his motion. Hence the importance of immediate action.

City Engineer O'Shaughnessy said that the original plan was revised to meet the objections of Supt. John McLaren and the Park Board and he now felt satisfied that if the route is built according to the new plan it would not mar the beauty of the surroundings. He said the tunnel proposition would cost $500,000.00 more than the proposed cut with its bridges. The cut would be forty feet wide with a wagon road and sidewalks on each side of the double tracks.

Chairman Lindley resented the Park Board being consulted on the proposed revised railroad across the Park merely as an act of courtesy and respect and that the Park Board would refuse to surrender any of its rights to control the Park and would decline to be hurried into an immediate decision, but would consider the revised plan on its merits.

When the City goes into the railroad business it

must expsct to bs treated the same as other business--thie proposition comcs to us the same way that it would come from the United Railroads. The City Attorney has hsld that the City can run a sewer across the Park, without reference to the Park Board. That is sound law but running a sewer across the Park is a Municipal function, a street railway is purely a business function. As a co-ordinate branch of the City Government ths Park Board is rsady to mest the Board of Supervisors in a spirit of co-operation to consider the proposed plan on its merite.

Protests from fiftsen Clubs all ovsr the City wers receivsd, most of whom term the cut through the Park "a desecration", and thersfore a public hearing should be held as asked for by the protsstants as well as those favoring the proposition.

Upon motion of Com. Cummings, seconded by Com. Spreokels and carried, a committee consisting of Pres. Metson and Commissionsrs Lindley and Sprsckels were namsd from the Park Board to msst ths Committse on Public Utilitiss of ths Board of Supervisors to confer with them on the rcvised routs across the Park, with full power to act.

Rs. use of Union Sq. for Belgium Relief.

From the Commission on Relief in Belgium asking the privilege of using Union Square for a Market to be held April 8th, 1916 bstween the hours of 9 A. M. and 6 P.M., undsr the dirsction of Mrs. Wm. H. Crocker, Mr. Mullgardt and Mr. Connick.

This permission was first requested on March 25th 1915 and grantsd subject to the approval of Commissionsr Lindley, and Supt. McLarsn.

Sperry Flour Co'e. truck in Union Sq.

Sperry Flour Company requeeting that one of their trucke be permitted to enter Union Square on Saturday, Market Day, for the Commiseion of Relief in Belgium, holding themselves responsible for any damage resulting to the Path.

Permission granted.

Bide on hoee.

Proposals for hoee were advertieed for at the requeet of Supt. McLaren and bide will be received and coneidered at the next meeting.

Re. Municipal Railroad.

From the Haight and Ashbury Improvement Club tendering the Park Commission "the unqualified support of the Club in its objections to building a railroad acrose Golden Gate Park to which they have always been opposed".

Filed for future reference.

Re."Driving the Last Spike".

From the Estate of Thomae Hill, Artist, relative to the painting entitled "Driving the Laet Spike".

Referred to Com. Cummings.

Re. Eeplanade.

From the Chamber of Commerce thanking the Park Commiseion for the information that plans have already been adopted for the parking epaces on the Ocean Beach Esplanade.

Ordered filed.

Letter of thanks.

From the North Beach Promotion Aesociation thanking the Park Commieeion for including the eum of $15,000.00 in the Park Budget Estimate for the next fiscal year for the improvement of Telegraph Hill.

Ordered filed.

Re. painting of Virginia City.

From Chae. Janin who desires to donate to the the Park Mueeum a painting of Virginia City in 1868 by J. H. Hill.

Referred to Com. Cumminge.

Re. plants in Horticulture Building.

From H.D.H. Connick, Director of Works, P.P.I.E., informing the Park Commission that the Horticulture Building had been sold and that immediate steps must be taken to remove the plants that have been donated to Golden Gate Park.

Supt. McLaren reported that they had been moved.

Re. positions in Park.

From the United States Disciplinary Barracks, Alcatraz, California requesting lists from time to time of positions to be filled by men who have qualified in the vocational school of training.

Referred to Secretary.

Check from J.D. Hanna.

From J. D. Hanna, Contractor, a check for $37.00 in payment for labor performed for him by Park employees in digging a ditch for water across the Great Highway.

Secretary reported that he had deposited same to the credit of the Park Fund.

Offer to help Preservation Plan.

From McLenegan & Son who offer to contribute in some practical manner towards the preservation idea. They offer to transport any work of art which may be available, free of charge to any part of San Francisco.

Secretary instructed to extend thanks of the Park Commissioners.

Request for photos.

From Board of Park Commissioners, Worcester, Mass., requesting shiny photographs of scenes in Park.

Secretary sent last Reports.

Re. removal of Chinese Bldg.

From "The Republic of China" giving estimate of $7,600.00 for taking down three of the principal Chinese Buildings at the Exposition, removing and resetting them on a substantial foundation.

Referred to Board of Supervisors.

Re. sleight of hand practice.

From A. Witschi asking for permission to practice sleight of hand on Ocean Beach.

Request denied.

Re. Municipal R.R.

From the Board of Supervisors callingattention to a meeting of the Public Utilities Committee to be held Wednesday, April 5th, 1916 for the purpose of considering the matter of extending the Municipal Railroad across Golden Gate Park.

Secretary reported that Supt. McLaren and himself had attended the meeting where the Superintendent reiterated his well-known objections to a deep cut across the Park.

Re. Alice Skae legacy.

From the Mayor's Secretary informing the Park Commissioners that the Mayor's office had deposited to the credit of the Park Fund the sum of $10,000.00 from the Estate of Alice Skae left by her for the purpose of purchasing one or more paintings by California artists for the Park Museum.

Com. Cummings reported that he had been engaged during the past two months in selecting paintings and that he had purchased paintings by California artists.

Action of Com. Cummings approved.

Re. playground in Panhandle.

From the North of Panhandle Improvement Assn. sending notice of the adopted of the following Resolution

> "RESOLVED: That the parts of the Panhandle lying between the upper, middle and lower islands should be given over as a playground for the children."

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re, Municipal R.R.

From the Public Ownership Association who by resolution opposes the construction of the Municipal Railroad across Golden Gate Park from 10th or 12th to 14th Avenues. The Association's position being that the proposed line would be extremely unprofitable and so a discredit to Municipal ownership of street railroads.

Re. moving pictures in Golden Gate Park.

From the Western Feature Film Company requesting a renewal of the permit to take pictures in the Park.

Referred to Supt. McLaren who ie requeeted to obtain eome of the viswe taken by them.

Re. tslephone and elsctricity in Japanese Tea Garden

From M. Hagiwara, Manager of the Japaness Tea Garden in Golden Gate Park, requesting electric lighte and telephone connection the abeence of which caueee him great inconvenience.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Re. boats.

From Riverside Boat Houee re. to the purchaee of eteel boate for Stow Lake.

Referred to Supt. McLaren for report.

Re. organ for merry-go-round.

From Peter Bacigalupi offering a elightly ueed Military Band Organ, suitable for the merry-go-round, fully guaranteod for the sum of $500.00.

Referred to Supt, McLaren with full power to act.

Request for information.

From the Hudeon County Park Commieeion relative to chargse for chocking coate aleo regarding golf linke.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Requeet to uss Jefferson Square.

From the Firet Lutheran Church requeeting the use of Jefferson Sauare on Monday, April 24th for the purpose of holding a party in the Square in the ehape of an "Egg Roll".

Referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Re. statue "The Thinkor."

Supt. McLaren reported that during the month the great status "The Thinker" by Rodin was pressnted to Golden Gate Park by Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Spreckels and was plaoed on "Favorite Point" on a pedestal of the red rock of ths Peninsula. The statue was unveiled by Master and thc Misees Spreckele on Tueeday, March 21et, 1916.

Sscretary instructed to send Mr. and Mrs. Spreckele an engrossed copy of the Superintendent'e report and in ths name of the psopls and the Board of Park Commission-

ers thank the generous donors for the great educational and artistic value of the great statue.

Re. Mission Pk. playground.

Supt. McLaren reported favorably relative to transferring a part of Mission Park over to the Playground Commission provided the said Commission treats Mission Park in a similar manner to the plans carried out in Hamilton Square.

Referred to Supt. McLaren for details.

Supt. McLaren's report.

Supt. McLaren's report for the month of March, 1916 read and adopted recommendations approved.

Re. removal of Japanese Bldg.

From K. Yoshide offering to remove the Japanese Building in the Exposition to Golden Gats Park and restore building to original condition for $7,000.00.

Secretary instructed to inform him that we have no money for this purpose.

Report Supt. D.W. Taylor.

Report of Childrens Quarters for March, 1916 read and copies ordered sent each Commissioner.

Report on milk and cream.

Report of the Board of Public Health on milk, cream and ice cream used at Childrens Quarters read and filed.

Request for plants.

From Jas. A. Johnston, Warden State Prison, San Quentin, requesting some plants for the Prison grounds

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

SECRETARY-PARK COMMISSIONERS.

San Francisco, April 20th, 1916.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, April 20th, 1916

Present were: Com. Curtis H. Lindley
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. M. Earl Cummings.

Absent were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum.

Com. Lindley President pro tem.

In the absence of Pres. Metson from the City, Com. Cummings moved that Com. Lindley be elected Chairman pro tem, motion seconded by Com. Spreckels, and being put by the Secretary was declared unanimously carried.

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were forwarded to the Commissioners, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, adopted as the minutes of the meeting held April 6th, 1916.

Re. Masonic Ave. crossing through Panhandle.

From the Haight & Ashbury Improvement Assn. and the Buena Vista Improvement Club by unanimous vote requesting the Park Commissioners to open Masonic Avenue through the Panhandle for vehicular traffic:

1st: Because it is midway between Stanyan and Baker Streets;

2nd: Because it is the widest street crossing the Panhandle;

3rd: Because it will eventually be the Avenue over which the Municipal line will run;

4th: Because it will eventually be the Avenue connecting this section of our City with the Presidio Boulevard and drives.

In the absence of Pres. Metson and Com. Greenebaum action was deferred until the next meeting.

Re. Good Friday.

From Wm. A. Kelly, President of the "Good Friday Movement" requesting the Park Commissioners to comply with the proclamation of Mayor Rolph: "That all City employees who desire to participate in religious exercises on Good Friday between the hours of 12 and 3 P.M. be permitted to do so without loss of pay".

This motion was approved.

Re. shrubbery in Jefferson Square.

From the Outdoor Art League of the California Club protesting against the cutting of the bushes and shrubbery around Jefferson Square.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. removal of Japanese Bldg.

From T. Ishii, Japanese Contractor, relative to moving the Japanese Building from the Fair Grounds to Golden Gate Park.

Secretary instructed to notify him that no bids would be called for by the Park Commissioners.

Re. Shakespeare Tercentenary Celebration.

The request of J. F. Davis, Chairman of the Shakespeare Tercentenary Committee, for permission to use the Spreckels Band Stand in Golden Gate Park, made to Chairman Lindley of the Park Commission, was communicated to Commissioners Cummings and Spreckels by the Secretary who was, at the same time, directed by these two Commissioners to convey their disapproval to granting such a requsot thereby establishing a precedent that will have to be followed in the future when other bodies and nobodies would make the same request.

Chairman Lindley being also opposed to the request, conveyed to Chairman Davis the refusal of the majority of the Park Board.

Action of the Acting Chairman approved.

Re. Cervantes Monument.

From J. J. Mora, sculptor of the Cervantes Monument, giving notice that the monument was finished and awaiting inspection preparatory to being sent East to be cast in bronze.

Com. Cummings reported in favor of the acceptance of the Cervantes Group, the gift of Messrs. J. C. Cebrian and E. J. Molera, members of the Spanish Colony, to San Francisco.

On top of the shaft will be the head of Cervantes looking down upon his two famous characters, Don Quixote de la Mancha and his serving man Sancho Panza.

The selection of the site for this group was referred to Com. Cummings and Supt. McLaren.

Re. State Highway Tax.

From the City and County Attorney, Percy V. Long, rendering an opinion relative to the expenditure of the monies derived from the State Highway Tax, in which he states that the money may be used for the improvement of the driveway along the Ocean Beach known as the Great Highway, but must be expended by the Board of Supervisors as it is not a part of the funds under the exclusive control of the Park Commission and therefore the Board of Supervisors can devote any part of the tax for the improvement of the Great Highway.

Ordered filed for future reference.

Receipts from Coin Locks.

From the Pacific Coin Lock Company forwarding check for $8.30 being the Park Commissioners' percentage of receipts to April 13th, 1916.

Secretary reported that he had deposited the check to the credit of the Park Fund.

Re. Japanese Building.

From J. K. Yoshida stating that he was very anxious to secure the Japanese Temple (Kiukakiji) and asking by what agreement he could secure the same.

Secretary instructed to inform him that the Building is not under our jurisdiction and therefore we have no authority to dispose of same.

Re. swimming pool.

From the Park Richmond Improvement Club stating that it had been suggested that a swimming pond be placed in Golden Gate Park between the two Dutch Wind Mills and that this idea has been approved by the Board

of Education.

Referred to Supt. McLarsn for report.

Rs. sidswalks on Prsoidio Pkwy.

Mr. Quinlan appeared before the Board and spoke in favor of putting down sidewalks on the Presidio Parkway. He said the Board of Public Works would appropriate $4,500.00 if the Park Commission would furnish the balance and agree to maintain the same in good condition.

He was adivsed to try and obtain ths full amount.

Report on cream.

Report of Board of Public Health relative to the sxaminations made of samples of ice cream used at the Childrens Quarters rsad and ordered filed.

Request for information.

From the City of St. Louis rsqussting information regarding Golf and Tennis Tournaments.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Bids on hoss.

The following bids were received on rubber hose:

UNITED STATES RUBBER CO.:

6000 ft. 1" 4 ply Popular Water hose coupled with common brass couplings	$.14½	per ft "
300 ft. 1¼" " " " "	.18	"

B. F. GOODRICH RUBBER CO.:

6000 ft. 1" 4-ply "D" Grade coupled in 50 foot lengths	.15½	"
300 ft. 1¼" 4-ply "D" Grade, coupled in 50 ft. lengths	.19¼	"

REPUBLIC RUBBER CO.:

6000 ft. 1" 4 ply Hector Brand, coupled and complete	.16	"
300 ft. 1¼" 4 ply Hector brand, coupled and complete	.20	"
6000 ft. 1" Chariot Molded Garden Hose, coupled and complete (alternative)	.14½	"

GUTTA PERCHA & RUBBER MFG. CO.

6000 ft. 1" 4 ply Wallabout Brand	$.17½	per ft.
300 ft. 1¼" " " "	.24	"

BOWERS RUBBER WORKS.:

6000 ft. 1" 4 ply rubber hose in 50 ft. lengths complete with couplings, guaranteed for one year	.13	"
6000 ft. 1" triple fabric molded rubber hose in 50 ft. lengths complete with couplings, guaranteed for one and one-half years	.18	"
300 ft. 1¼" 4 ply rubber hose in 50 ft. lengths complete with couplings guaranteed for one year	.16	"

Contract awarded. The BOWERS RUBBER WORKS being the lowest bidders were awarded the contract.

Adjourned. There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

SECRETARY PARK COMMISSION.

San Francisco, May 4th, 1916.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, May 4th, 1916

Present were: Com. C. H. Lindley,
Com. A.B. Sprockels,
Com. M. Earl Cummings
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum.

Absent: Pres. W. H. Metson.

Com. Lindley President pro tem.

In the absence of Pres. W. H. Metson from the City, Com. Spreckels moved that Com. Lindley be elected Chairman pro tem. Motion seconded by Com. Greenebaum, and being put by the Secretary was declared carried unanimously.

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to the Commissioners, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, adopted as the minutes of the meeting held April 20th, 1916.

Re. proposed Municipal Railroad through the Park.

From the Golden Gate Park Federation of Improvement Clubs of the Sunset District relative to Resolution adopted at a mass meeting in favor of running the Municipal Railroad through Golden Gate Park entering at 12th Avenue and Fulton Street with its exit at 14th Ave. and Lincoln Way, as recently revised and submitted by the City Engineer, M. M. O'Shaughnessy and approved by the Public Utilities Committee of the Board of Supervisors.

A similar application was made by the Utilities Committee at a previous meeting at which meeting Chairman Wolfe of the said Committee and the City Engineer expounded the benefits of this revised route, after which a special committee consisting of Pres. Metson and Commissioners Lindley and Spreckels was appointed to

confer with the Utilities Committee but owing to the continued absence of Pres. Metson the conference could not be held. It was then decided to hold an informal meeting of the Board at which time the revised route was exhaustively considered and it was decided that the so-called modified plan did not modify or remove the objections presented to the former application when it was proposed to enter the Park at 10th Avenue and Fulton Street and leave at 12th Avenue and Lincoln Way.

The Park Commissioners earnestly hope that the Board of Supervisors will see its way clear to accept the 20th Avenue route recommended in the communication sent the Board of Supervisors in which event the Board of Supervisors will have the hearty co-operation of the Board of Park Commissioners.

With the earnest declaration that the action of this Board in not meeting the Utilities Committee in conference must not be considered as an act of discourtesy to the Committee but was unavoidably caused by the absence of Pres. W. H. Metson. This Commission is nevertheless unanimously of the opinion that the present application should be denied by this Board and it is so ordered.

Judge Curtis H. Lindley then read his opinion and submitted it for the approval of the members of the Park Commission.

Com. Spreckels moved that the opinion as read, be adopted as the opinion and decision of the Board of Park Commissioners; seconded by Commissioners Greenebaum and Cummings and unanimously carried.

The Secretary was then instructed to send a copy of the opinion and decision to the Board of Supervisors, his Honor, Mayor Rolph, Chairman Wolfe of the Utilities Committee and the leading newspapers of the City.

Re. use of Stadium.

From James S. Webster of the St. Andrews Society, requesting the use of the Stadium, Golden Gate Park for their annual picnic, June 3rd, 1916.

Request granted and details referred to Supt. McLaren.

Request for use of birds.

From "The Emporium" requesting the loan of birds from the Park Museum for their window display.

Request denied as it would create a bad precedent.

Letter of thanks.

From Sheriff Thos. F. Finn, thanking Supt. John McLaren for the beautiful plants received to be planted in the Jail Yard.

Ordered filed.

Re. Stockton St. park spaces.

From Geo. J. Wellington representing the Commerical Advancement Committee, relative to the care of the oval park spaces on Stockton Street.

Secretary instructed to notify Mr. Wellington that the ovals are not under the jurisdiction of the Park Commission.

Re. Skas Fund.

From the Mayor's Office expressing thanks for list of California artists from whom paintings were purchased for the Park Museum, re. Skas Fund.

Ordered filed.

Re. payment of salaries.

From the Board of Supervisors relative to the adoption of Resolution #12826 (New Series) which reads as follows:

> RESOLVED: That the various departments be requested to expedite the payment of salaries of all temporary employes whose service may terminate in the early part of any month and to approve demands for their salaries so that payment thereof may be made in advance of the regular pay day."

Secretary instructed to comply with the spirit of the Resolution.

Re. proposed Masonic Ave. Crossing.

From the Panhandle Preservation and Adornment Club requesting that the Park Commissioners disregard and refuse a request for a crossing in the Park Panhandle at Masonic Avenue or any other street crossing.

A large delegation of ladies, members of the Club were present and personally protested against a street crossing through the Panhandle at Masonic Avenue or any other street.

The request of the Board of Supervisors as per Resoltuion #12870 (New Series) providing a crossing through the Panhandle at Masonic Avenue was denied.

Re. Masonic Ave. crossing.

From the Board of Supervisors relative to the adoption under a suspension of the rules, of Resolution #12870 (New Series) which reads as follows:

> WHEREAS, There is at present no highway crossing the Golden Gate Park Panhandle for vehicular travel for the total length of the Panhandle from Stanyan Street to Baker Street, a distance of eight blocks, nor nearly a mile, which condition results in great inconvenience to the owners and drivers of vehicles desiring to cross to either sids of the Panhandle, and
>
> WHEREAS, Masonic Avenue being nearly in the middle of the Panhandle and the widest and most desirable thoroughfare to be used for this purpose, therefore
>
> RESOLVED, That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested to open up Masonic Avenus across the Park Panhandls from Oak to Fell Streets to accommodate travel by vehicles.

Request contained in above resolution denied because of numerous protests from property owners and the undesirability of such a crossing in the opinion of the members of the Board of Park Commissioners.

Check received.

From J. D. Hannah, check for $43.00 in payment for labor of Park employees in digging a ditch across the Great Highway as per agreement with Supt. McLaren.

Secretary reported that the check had been deposited to the credit of the Park Fund in the City Treasury.

Request for information.

From the Associated Press requesting that the San Francisco office be placed on the mailing list for all documents of general circulation or public interest.

Secretary instructed to comply with the request.

Re. bonds of Museum employees.

From Geo. H. Barron, Curator and Mrs. Ida Collett, Stenographer of the Park Museum, receipts for payment of renewal of their bonds.

Ordered filed.

Complaint re. boys in Huntington Park.

From A. Laveaga complaining of boys playing baseball and using filthy language in Huntington Park.

This complaint was immediately referred to the Chief of Polics, D. A. White, by the Secretary. Chief White answers that an officer was instructed to call on Mr. Laveaga and assure him that the officers on duty were to prevent any further cause for complaint.

Ordered filed.

Request for information.

From H. M. Day, State College of Forestry, Syracuse, N.Y., relative to Park System in San Francisco.

Referred to Secretary.

Application for work.

From John Gaffney making application for a position as day laborer in the Park.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. Japanese Bldg.

From the Mayor's office with enclosure from Mr. T. Ishii, concerning the disposition of the Japanese Building at the Exposition Grounds.

The Board of Supervisors when this matter was referred to them resolved "That there were no funds from which an appropriation could be made" and that the Board of Directors of the Exposition and the "Public spirited Citizens were asked to co-operate in making it possible to accept the gifts".

Secretary to answer as disposed of by the Board of Supervisors.

Re pipe line of P.P.I.E. across Park property.

From G. Weissbaum & Co., who purchase the 12" water main of the Panama Pacific International Exposition and negotiated its sale to the Spring Valley Water Company who contemplate using this pipe line as an auxillary at some future time when the district becomes more populated for both fire protection and domestic water

supply, stating "as we cannot cause the title to this pipe line to be transferred unless it be by your permission, we ask that this pipe line be undisburbed".

Chairman Lindley disclaimed the right of the Park Commissioners to grant the Spring Valley Water Company or any one else a permanent easement to any of the Park lands, the conditions were impossible of acceptance and therefore must be denied.

Report on cream.

From the Board of Public Health submitting report on ice cream used at the Childrens' Quarters.

Referred to Supt. Taylor.

Re. Sharp Estate.

At the request of Hon. A. B. Spreckels one oe the Executors of the Estate of Honora Sharp, Secretary de Succa in company with Supt. McLaren went to the Sharp Tract in San Mateo County and paid off twenty five men and teams employed by order of Hon. A. B. Spreckels and approved by Mr. Samuel G. Murphy, Executors of the Sharp Estate. The amount paid out was $2001.00, a regular pay roll being made in duplicate, which the men were required to sign.

Report of Supt. McLarsn.

Report of Supt. McLaren for month of April, read and approved and recommendations ordered carried out

Supt. Taylor's report.

Supt. Taylor's report of Childrens' Quarters for April read and copies ordered sent each Commissioner.

Curator Barron's report.

Curator Barron's report for April read and adopted.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

Secretary Park Commissicners.

May 18/16

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS AT THE CONFERENCE BETWEEN HIS HONOR, MAYOR JAMES ROLPH, JR., BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS, PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, CITY ENGINEER AND SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND A NUMBER OF CITIZENS RELATIVE TO CROSSING THE PARK WITH AN EXTENSION OF THE MUNICIPAL RAILROAD.

At a conference held at Mayor Rolph's office, Thursday, May 18th, 1916, at 3:30 P.M., relative to the Municipal Railroad crossing the Golden Gate Park, present were:

Hon. James Rolph, Jr.,
Hon. Curtis H. Lindley, Acting President of the Park Commissioners.

Park Commissioners: Hon. Sigmund Greenebaum, Hon. A. B. Spreckels, Hon. M. Earl Cummings

Supt. John McLaren,
Secretary James de Succa,
Supervisor Edw. I. Wolfe,
" Richard Welch
" Andrew Gallagher
" J. C. Kortick,
" Jos. Mulvihill
" Fred Suhr,
" Con. Deasy
First Asst. City Attorney Geo. Lull,
City Engineer O'Shaughnessy
Asst. City Engineers Eckert and Ransome.
Mr. Zoeth Eldredge,
Press Representatives.

His Honor, Mayor Rolph, called the conference to order, stating that he regretted very much that he was compelled to trespass upon the valuable time of the gentlemen present, but in consequence of an Opinion rendered by the City Attorney, Percy V. Long which was in direct conflict with an opinion issued by the Board of Park Commissioners and signed by Acting President, Judge Curtis H. Lindley which opinion declares that the Board of Park Commissioners have exclusive control and management of the Park and that for eight specific reasons, set forth in the aforesaid opinion, issued by the Board of Park Commissioners, the Park Commissioners refused to give

their consent to the construction of an extension of the Municipal Railroad across the Park from 10th Avenue and Fulton Street to 14th Avenue and Lincoln Way but notwithstanding the said refusal to give consent on the part of the Park Board, the Board of Supervisors passed a Resolution instructing the Board of Public Works to proceed with the work of constructing the crossing for the Municipal cars through the Park according to Plan No. 1 to wit: entering at 10th Avenue and Fulton Street and leaving at 14th Avenue and Lincoln Way and not in accordance with Plan No. 2 which provided for entering the Park at 12th Avenue and Fulton Street and leaving at 14th Avenue and Lincoln Way, he desired a friendly exchange of opinions to see if some satisfactory solution could not be arrived at and it was for that reason he had invited all those present to the conference.

The Mayor declared that the opinion of the City Attorney left his mind in a state of uncertainty as the opinion declares that the Supervisors have the power and authority to order the construction of the railroad across the Park "if the construction of the Railroad does not deprive any citizen of the free, comfortable and customary use of the Park " as well as being in conflict with the opinion of the Board of Park Commissioners, who claim absolute jurisdiction under the Charter. Pending the decision by the Courts, delay would ensue and if it should so happen that the Courts decided in favor of the Board of Supervisors, then any citizen could still prevent the building of the crossing by declaring that his "free, comfortable and customary use of the Park" was being interfered with by the construction of the railroad and prevent its construction indefinitely, all of which can be obviated if the Twentieth Avenue route which has received the approval of the Board of Park Commissioners be selected for the crossing, thereby removing all objections.

Acting President, Curtis H. Lindley informed the Mayor that if the Board of Park Commissioners have exclusive control and

management of buildings and structures in the Park used for park purposes only, what is to prevent the present or some future Board of Supervisors, such as we have had in the past, from building an incinerator in the Park, therefore the question of jurisdiction and exclusive control and management of the Park should be taken by the Board of Park Commissioners to the Supreme Court of the State, if necessary. Judge Lindley stated that the Park Commissioners entertained no personal feeling in the matter. When it was proposed to build a Fire Alarm Station in Jefferson Square, the Board of Park Commissioners refused to give the permit and permission was obtained by an Amendment to the Charter. Supervisors have a great many things to look after, the Park Commissioners have only the parks to look after and consequently are better acquainted with what constitutes its beauties and disfigurements. The City would not be compelled to pay for the right of way through the Park while the United Railroads would gladly pay a large sum of money for the priviledge.

It has been shown that any citizen may secure an injunction against an attempt to deprive him of the "free, comfortable and customary use of the Park"therefore having the consent of the Park Commissioners for the 20th Avenue line, the only logical route which will be demonstrated within five years by the building up of both sides of the Park from 20th to 48th Avenue, the Park may be croesed practically at this point and without objection.

Supervisor Gallagher stated that the necessity of a railroad across the Park was self evident. At a meeting in the Sunset District recently held, the residents of the District declared themselves against a crossing at 20th Avenue and strongly in favor of the revised plan of entering the Park at 12th Avenue and Fulton Street and leaving the Park at 14th Avenue and Lincoln Way.

City Attorney Long in his Opinion states that the Board of Park Commissioners have no authority in the decision of the Railroad across the Park and therefore the Board of Supervisors

need not yield to their dictation in their selection of routes.

Supervisor Wolfe stated that he wanted his position thoroughly understood and that previous to the last political campaign he met many of the residents of the Sunset and Richmond Districts who advocated connecting the two districts with a car line across the Park and he had become practically pledged to the route selected at 10th or 12th Avenue and Fulton Street to 14th Avenue and Lincoln Way. The language of the City Attorney's opinion, however, has cast a doubt in his mind as to the authority of the Board of Supervisors to build across the Park without the consent of the Board of Park Commissioners and therefore, if his Honor, the Mayor, concluded to veto the Resolution ordering its construction, he would vote to sustain the Mayor's veto.

Asst. City Attorney Geo. Lull stated that if the route selected at 10th Avenue would disfigure the Park, the Band Stand the Japanese Tea Garden, etc., then it should not be built and neither the Board of Supervisors or the Board of Park Commissioners have the right to construct the road and they could be enjoined from so doing by any citizen who would seek by Court proceedings to prevent his being deprived of the "free, comfortable and customary use of the Park".

City Engineer O'Shaughnessy stated that the extra cost of building the road across the Park at 20th Avenue prohibited that route. O'Shaughnessy being asked what plans it was proposed to build under, said that as the 2nd plan had been rejected he had returned to the first plan providing entrance to the Park at 10th Avenue as to build under the 12th Avenue plan would necessitate repealing the Resolution which was passed and signed by the Mayor ordering the construction of the road at 10th Avenue. This route was selected because of the greater patronage it would receive from the City to the Park Bandstand.

Judge Lindley told the City Engineer "That statement would throw your case out of Court for it shows an intention to commercialize the Park, a willingness to destroy the Park for the nickels

to be obtained". O'Shaughnessy replied that he was as great an admirer of the beauties of the Park as any one present and referred to Supt. McLaren as proof; Supt. McLaren said he, (O'Shaughnessy) had been, but that he had lately changed his habits. Judge Lindley said that the extra cost of building the crossing at 20th Avenue should not be an insurmountable obstacle.

At this time the meeting was adjourned by the Mayor who thanked all for their presence.

SECRETARY, Park Commissioners.

San Francisco, May 25th, 1916.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thuroday, May 25th, 1916

Prsoent were: Prso. W. H. Mstson,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. Curtis H. Lindley,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum.

Minutes adopted.

Ths minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which wsre sent to each Commissioner, were, upon motion duly mads, secondsd and carried adopted as the minutes of the meeting held May 4th, 1916.

Re. pipe lins on Park property.

From the Spring Vallsy Water Company requesting that permission be granted to maintain, as a part of the watsr systsm of San Francisco, a twelve inch steel pipe line laid by the Panama Pacific International Exposition Company, on ths west side of 13th Avenue boundary of the Prsoidio Parkway extension between Golden Gate Park and ths Preoidio Reservation.

If this request be grantsd the pipe line will be maintained as a part of the distributing system of the City and County of San Francisco to connect with laterals and street crossings, which will materially improve the water service in that portion of the City.

Request granted with the proviso that the pipe line may be immediately rsmoved at the pleasure of the Board of Park Commiosioners after officially notifying the Spring Valley Water Co. of the intention to so remove.

Re. Japanese Bldgs.

From the Mayor's office with enclosure from T. Ishii and E. Takamura, asking if the City would consider making them a gift of the Japanese Buildings, and referred to this office.

Secretary instructed to notify Messrs. Ishii and Takamura that inasmuch as these buildings were not accepted by the Park Commissioners they have no authority or power to donate or make a gift of them to anyone.

Re. bill for show cases.

From Edw. Cerruti relative to a bill of $500. for show cases about which there seems to be some misunderstanding.

Secretary instructed to refer him to Pres. Metson.

Re. coin locks.

From the Pacific Coin Lock Co. showing first readings of the two coin locks installed at the Beach Chalet.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. 13th Ave.

From the Park Richmond Improvement Club who desire to know if something can be done to improve the appearance of the west side of 13th Avenue from Geary Street south to Fulton Street.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. donation of seeds.

From W. A. Doble, who presented to the Board four samples of seeds of the Norwegian Pine and two phamplets of instructions furnished through Chief Engineer W. Foughner.

Secretary instructed to thank him for his interest in Golden Gate Park.

Re. tennis tournaments.

From the Pacific States Lawn Tennis Assn. earnestly requesting the Park Commissioners not to sanction the holding of tournaments on the Park courts by any other than the existing organizations whose tournaments begin on the first Sunday of each month and continue until finished.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. Academy of Science laboratory.

California Academy of Sciences requests permission to erect in connection with its Museum a Laboratory building-plans and specifications provide for a building approximately twenty six feet by forty feet.

Request denied.

Re. photos of park.

From the Board of Park Commissioners, Worcester, Mass., sending notice of the return of photographs loaned to them a short time ago. They offer this Board the use of about eighty slides, illustrating the different parks of America, should we desire them.

Secretary instructed to acknowledge receipt of communication and thank them for their offer.

Re. bond of Louise La Rue.

From the Fidelity & Deposit Company, who, upon being informed that Mrs. Louise La Rue was no longer employed as Acting Superintendent of the Childrens Quarters, requests information as to when their liability ceases, the bond being a continuous instrument.

Secretary instructed to notify the Company that their liability would cease when Mrs. La Rue's books are examined by the Expert of the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors which will be during the next fiscal year.

Re. connection with Park lakes for fire protection.

From Board of Fire Commissioners requesting permission to install permanent suction connection with Spreckels Lake and the Chain of Lakes as this would afford an ample supply of water in case of fire in the proximity of these Lakes.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. donation of deer.

From R. L. Flory, Richmond, California, offering to donate a pet deer if expenses of shipment are paid by the Park Commissioners. Conditions accepted and deer received.

Letter of thanks ordered sent to Mr. Flory.

Re. park improvements.

From the Mayor's office with enclosure from Dr. Kreutzman, making recommendations to improve the appearance of certain sections of the Park.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. Bunker Hill Day Concert.

From the Bunker Hill Association requesting that the Board arrange for the usual patriotic musical program at the Park Band Stand to commemorate the Battle of Bunker Hill, June 17th.

Secretary instructed to send copy of letter of Prof. Chas. H. Caesasa with instructions that he comply with request.

Re. Huntington Park.

From the Playground Commission enclosing copy of letter send Mrs. A. A. D'Ancona relative to developing Huntington Park into a Playground.

Secretary instructed to notify the interested parties that Huntington Park is to be developed very soon into a Park in accordance with the desires of the donor.

Re. Municipal R.R.

From Golden Gate Park Federation of Improvement Clubs who held a mass meeting in the Sunset District April 19th, 1916 favoring the plan of the City Engineer to cross the Park with the Municipal Railroad at 10th Avenue and Fulton Street.

Ordered filed.

Re. Municipal R.R.

From the Civic League thanking the Board for "Views of the Park Commissioners on the extension of the Municipal Railroad through the Park".

Ordered filed.

Re. Municipal R.R. From the Woman's San Francisco Democratic League extending congratulations on the Board's opposition to a railroad through Golden Gate Park.

Secretary instructed to acknowledge receipt of letter and thank them for their interest in the Park.

Re. Municipal R.R. From Ex-Mayor Edward Robeson Taylor heartily commending the Board of Park Commissioners for their action in the matter of not permitting street railroads to invade the Park and that the reasons given by the Park Commissioners are, in his opinion, irrefutable.

Secretary instructed to acknowledge receipt of letter and thank him for his interest in the Park.

Re. Municipal R.R. From Thos. A. Neloon stating that the Park Board is clearly in the right in opposing a railroad across the Park.

Secretary instructed to acknowledge receipt of letter and thank him for his interest in the Park.

Re. Municipal R.R. From the San Francisco Center of the California Civic League entering a protest against the proposed extension of the Municipal Railroad across the Park at 10th Avenue but approving a plan of joining the two large districts of Richmond and Sunset by a tunnel in the neighborhood of 20th Avenue in the event of a Charter Amendment that will provide for a general taxation for the same.

Secretary instructed to acknowledge receipt of communication and thank them for interest taken in the Park.

Re. Municipal R.R. From W. L. James stating that the action of the members of the Park Board in opposing a railroad across the Park is highly creditable to the trustees of our most prized pleasure and beauty grounds.

Secretary instructed to acknowledge receipt of letter and thank him for interest taken in the Park.

Re. Municipal R.R.

Osgood Putnam sent a telegram to Mayor Rolph and to the "Examiner" urging the Mayor to save the Park from disfiguring and noisy street cars and to preserve this last spot untouched and in its beauty and peace.

Secretary instructed to acknowledge receipt of the copies of the above and thank him for his interest.

Re. Municipal R.R.

From W. J. Cuthbertson stating that he is glad of the stand the Park Commissioners have taken on the question of a railroad across the Park at 10th Avenue and that a crossing at 20th Avenue would be the most generally convenient plact.

The Secretary was instructed to acknowledge receipt of letter and thank him for his interest in the Park.

Re. Municipal R.R.

From the California Woman's State Democratic League congratulating the Park Commissioners on the views they have taken in regard to the car line across the Park as they would certainly dislike to see the beauties of the Park destroyed by the action of the Board of Supervisors.

Secretary instructed to acknowledge receipt of letter and thank them for their interest in the Park.

Re. doves.

From Heger & Harris stating that they had just received a oonsignment of doves which they offer at a very low figure.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. organ for merry go round.

From the Rudolph Wurlitzer Co. offering to install style #125 Military band organ complete for $720. and style #104 complete for $495.00 which would include thirty pieces of music.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. 20th Avenue route of Municipal Railroad.

From the Park Terrace Association endorsing Mayor's action in recommending the construction of a croseing at 20th Avenue for the Municipal Railroad.

There being no communication before the Park Board relative to the suggested railroad across the Park at 20th Avenue, the communication was ordered filed for future reference.

Re. petitions protesting against 20th Ave. route.

Several petitions put in circulation by friends of the Park have been received in the office of the Board of Park Commiseioners protesting against a railroad across the Park from 10th Avenue and Fulton St. to 14th Avenue and Lincoln Way. There are 1308 signatures to the petitions, several others have not yet been turned in.

Ordered placed on file.

Bond of Bowers Rubber Works.

From the Bowers Rubber Works filing bond and contract for the award to them of a contract for rubber hose.

Referred to Pres. Metson.

Report on water.

From the Board of Public Health submitting report on thepurity of the water used in the Park.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Curator's report.

Report of Curator Barron read and filed.

Supt. Taylor's report for May Day.

Report of Supt. Taylor of the Childrens' Quarters for May Day, 1916 received and copies ordered sent each Commissioner.

ADJOURNED.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary Park Commissioners.

San Francisco, June 15th, 1916.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, June 15th, 1916

Present were: Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum.

Absent were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. Curtis H. Lindley,
Com. M. Earl Cummings.

No. quorum present.

There being no quorum present an informal meeting was decided upon, and Com. A. B. Spreckels chosen Chairman pro tem. The calendar was then disposed of in the usual manner, approval of the actions of the two Commissioners thereon being subject to ratification by a quorum of the Board at a subsequent meeting.

Minutes adopted.

The minutes of the meeting previously held, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried adopted as the minutes of the meeting held May 25th, copies having been forwarded to each Commissioner.

Re. killing of deer.

From Chief of Police White relative to the killing of the doe deer in Golden Gate Park, complaint of which had been sent him. The Chief promised to put an end to the depredations complained of.

Ordered filed.

Re. public telephone in Museum.

From the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. requesting permission to install a public telephone in the Museum Building.

Request denied.

Re. drinking fountains in Panhandle.

From the Haight & Ashbury Improvement Assn. tendering a vote of thanks to the Park Commissioners for installing more drinking fountains in the Panhandle.

Ordered filed.

Re. suggested improvements in Park.

From the Mayor's office with enclosure from E. S. Bromer submitting sketches "For proposed observation tower, cascade falls, etc., at Strawberry Hill".

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. Bunker Hill Day.

From the Bunker Hill Association, relative to patriotic music by the Park Band June 17th, 1916. Prof. Cassasa has been notified to comply with their request.

Ordered filed.

Check for wool.

From Jos. W. Salz enclosing check for $134.12 being for 479 lbs. wool at $.28 per pound.

Secretary reported depositing check to the credit of the Park Fund. Ordered filed.

Re. flag pole in Union Square.

From the Native Daughters of the Golden West requesting permission to erect a flag pole 145 feet high on the northwest corner of Union Square.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Request for bricks.

From the Mayor's office with enclosure from P. A. Camaly asking permission to take away some bricks from Huntington Park.

As Supt. McLaren reported he had use for the bricks the request was denied.

Re. musicians' outing.

From the Musicians' Union asking permission to place an advertisement of their picnic to take place July 26th, 1916 on the Sunday Park Concertprograms.

Request granted.

Re. data re. park invasion.

From Com. Curtis H. Lindley with enclosures from Mrs. J. M. Cushing same being copies of correspondence on the general subject of Park invasion, to be filed in the archives of the Park Board for future reference.

A letter of thanks was ordered sent to Com. Lindley for furnishing the Board with such valuable information. Letters ordered filed.

Re. entrance at 30th Ave.

From the Parkway Terrace Assn. suggesting that a foot path be opened for the present at 29th or 30th Avenue. The nearest entrance at present being at 25th or 34th Avenues.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. playground in Panhandle.

From the North of Panhandle Improvement Club requesting two blocks of the Panhandle lying between Cole and Ashbury Streets, for a playground for children, and that horses be excluded from the Panhandle.

The playground portion of the request was referred to Supt. McLaren. The portion of the letter requesting that the horses be excluded from the Panhandle was denied.

Check for work on Richmond Library Grounds.

From Geo. A. Mullen, Secretary Board of Library Trustees, enclosing check for $500. balance due for work done in and around the grounds of the Richmond Branch Library. The Board of Supervisors by Resolution adopted June, 1915, transferred by special appropriation the sum of $1000. for this work. Secretary reported receipt of check and depositing same to the credit of the Park Fund.

Action approved.

Re. Lobos Square as playground.

From the Public Schools Athletic League requesting the transfer of Lobos Square from the Park Commission to the Playground Commission for playground purposes.

The Board desires to have the Square replaced in the condition it was received from the Park Commission as per agreement with the P.P.I.E.

Re. Japaneee Temple.

From J. S. Kamaiye with reference to removing the Japanese Temple from the Exposition Grounds to Golden Gate Park.

Ordered filed.

Re. teaching golf in Lincoln Park.

From W. Selkirk applying for permission to give instructions for remuneration in the game of golf at the Golf Links in Lincoln Park.

Application denied.

Re. fence around Civic Center.

From Pres. Metson with enclosure from W. E. Perryman, relative to the destruction of the temporary fence around the Civic Center Park.

Referred to Chief of Police White.

Re. claims against N. Boomer.

From the Bureau of Labor Statistics requesting that payment of the demand of Mr. Nathan Boomer be held up on account of claims aggregating $83.66 for labor performed, until they can arrange with the Auditor to hold the warrant at that office.

Secretary instructed to notify the Labor Bureau that he would comply with the request.

Re. bridge across Stevenson St.

From H. M. Owens, Attorney, relative to the building of a bridge across Stevenson Street to connect a portion of Hales' old building with a proposed Theatre building on the south side of Stevenson Street. The Park Commission is requested not to ask for an extension of time as the application has been acted upon favorably twice by the Building and Street Committee.

Secretary instructed to inform Mr. Owens that no application for an extension of time would be made as the matter did not concern this Board.

Re. planting around Library Bldg.

From the Board of Supervisors with enclosures from the Consulting Architects and Board of Public Works relative to the planting around the Library Building and the new City Hall and agreeing to have a simple lawn and possibly a box border not more than nine inches to imbellish the lawn.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. Chinese Bldg.

From Emil G. Fischer, Secretary Chinese Government Commission at the P.P.I.E., to Pres. Metson relative to the removal of the ChinesePavilion to Golden Gate Park

Pres. Metson informed Mr. Fischer that the Park Commission is very short of funds at present and he did not know what could be done.

Ordered filed.

Report of Supt. McLaren.

Report of Supt. McLaren for month of May, 1916 read and adopted and recommendations approved.

Report of Supt. D.W. Taylor.

Report of Supt. Taylor for the month of May, 1916 read and copy ordered sent each Commissioner.

Curator Barron's report.

Report of Curator Barron for May, 1916 read and ordered filed.

Report on water.

Report on water from Board of Public Health read and ordered filed.

Report on milk and cream.

From Board of Public Health reporting on milk and cream used at the Childrens Quarters, ordered filed.

Re. return of exhibits at Park Museum.

From H.A. Van Coerner Torchiana, relative to a donation to the Park Museum made by his father, which are now duplicated in the Park Museum and requesting that all the donations which have been duplicated be returned to him.

Curator Barron stated that Nos. 8340, 8341, 8346, 8347, 8348, 8349, 8350, 8351, had been duplicated and it was therefore agreed that donations numbered as above be returned. Referred to Curator Barron.

Re. Huntington Park.

Upon the report of Supt. McLaren that Mr. R. P. Schwerin had notified him that at his request Mrs. H. E. Huntington had authorized him to expend the sum of $3000. on the improvement of the grounds of Huntington Park and at a subsequent meeting Mr. Schwerin advised him to proceed with the work and draw on him to the extent of $4000.00, the Secretary was instructed to tender the sincere thanks of the members of the Board of Park Commissioners for the very generous donation.

ADJOURNED.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary--Park Commissioners.

San Francisco, ~~July~~ June 29th, 1916.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, June 29th, 1916

Present were: Pres. W.H. Metson,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum,
Com. M. Earl Cummings.

Absent: Com. Curtis H. Lindley.

Minutes.

The routine business of the Board having been transacted without the presence of a quorum at the meeting hsld June 15th, 1916, the minutes of that meeting were read and upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, were unanimously adopted as the minutes of the meeting held June 15th, 1916.

Re. cable from Fort Miley to Laks Merced.

From the War Department, U. S. Engineers Office requesting permission to establish telephonic communication between the Military Reservation of Fort Miley and Lake Merced by means of an underground cable. The route most satisfactory to the United States Government will bs from the southwsst corner of Fort Miley Reservation at the intersection of 48th Avenus and Clement Street thence southerly along 48th Avenue to its intersection with Balboa Street thence westerly along Balboa Street to its intsrsection with the Great Highway thence southsrly along the Great Highway to its intersection with theSloat Boulevard thsnce southerly across private lands to the northern boundary of the Mercsd reservation. This cable to be used for military purposes only and no tolls to bs charged, the work to be done to the satisfaction of the the Superintendent of Parks.

This request was granted and the work to be done in Golden Gate Park to be to ths satisfaction of Supt. John McLaren.

Request for reports.

From the Library of Congress requesting Park Reports from 1902 to 1908 inclusive and 1911 to 1916.

Seerstary instructsd to comply with the request if possible.

Offer of hawk.

From W.S. Smith offering to donate an injured hawk to the Park.

Hawks not being desired the offer was declined.

Re. flag pole in Lincoln Park.

From N.D.G.W. requesting permission to erect a flag staff in Lincoln Park as a Memorial to Betsy Ross maker of the first American Flag.

Refsrred to Com. Cummings with full power to act.

Re. convenience station in Lafayette Square.

From Mayor's office with enclosure from Mrs. G. Mellen complaining of the lack of conveniencs stations at Lafayette Square. Mrs. Mellen was informed that the Board asked for funds in the budget for that purpose but it was not allowed.

Re. portrait of R.P. Clement.

From the Mayor's office with enclosure from Mr. Ssidenberg representing Mrs. R. P. Clement, widow of the former supervisor offering to sell an oil painting of her husband for $50.

Secretary instructed to notify Mr. Seidenberg that lack of funds would prevent the purchase of the portrait.

Re. lighting of Park.

From the Park Richmond Improvement Club, complaining that the roads to the Park are very difficult to discern at night and suggesting that lights be placed at the intersections of the mainly travelled roads.

Secretary instructed to notify the Club that Five thousand dollars has been allowed for lights in the Budget by the Board of Supervisors and that lights will be installed during the present fiscal year.

Re. eagles.

From the Mayor's office with enclosure (without signature) relative to a larger cage for the eagles at the Aviary.

The Superintendent reported the cages large enough and if they were not confined in a cage the Eagles would fly away to the mountains.

Re. Playground in Panhandle.

Devisadero Panhandle Improvement Assn. protesting against establishing a playground in the Panhandle.

Secretary instructed to inform the Club that the Board has already instructed the Superintendent to supply a few small playground apparatus for the small children in the Panhandle, but no extensive playground is contemplated.

Offer of animal cage.

From H. W. MacLean who desires to dispose of an animal cage three feet wide by twelve feet high.

Secretary instructed to notify Mr. MacLean that they had no use for the cage.

Re. Civic Center.

From Acting Chief of Police Shea stating that he had instructed his officers "to pay strict attention in the future to the protection of the temporary fence around the Civic Center which vandals were maliciously destroying".

Ordered filed.

Re. Improvements.

From E. R. Bromer offering his assistance gratis in carrying out the ideas conveyed in the sketches for the improvement of Strawberry Hill recently submitted by him.

Ordered filed.

Re. Municipal Railroad.

From W. J. Cuthbertson acknowledging the Secretary's letter of thanks for his assistance in defeating the project of a railroad through the Park.

Ordered filed.

Re. stealing of ducks.

From R. Jordan, Jr., calling the attention of the Board to the sudden disappearance of a large number of ducklings on Stow Lake and suggesting that their disappearance is due either to predatory animals that catch the ducklings along the shore at night or possibly to predatory boys trying to trap them to take home as pets. Boys have been observed acting rather suspiciously throwing rocks, and feeding the ducks.

Secretary instructed to send copy of Mr. Jordan's letter to Chief White with the request that he do all he can to prevent a repetition of such loss of ducks.

Re. trees and playground in Panhandle.

From the Panhandle Adornment & Improvement Club protesting against establishing a playground in the Panhandle and requesting that the trees surrounding the McKinley monument be removed so that the monument may be seen.

Secretary instructed to inform the Club that the Board has already instructed the Superintendent to Supply a few small playground apparatus for the samll children in the Panhandle, but no extensive playground is contemplated. The matter of the trees was referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. cable bet. Ft. Miley and Lake Merced.

From the War Department, U. S. Engineer's Office thanking the Board of Park Commissioners for their courtesy in granting the United States Government permission to lay an electric cable for military telephone communication between Fort Miley and Lake Merced.

Ordered filed.

Re. telephone at Stadium.

From the California Harness Horse and Stock Breeders Assn. requesting a key to the telephone box at the Stadium, Golden Gate Park.

Secretary instructed to notify the Association that the telephone had been removed from the Stadium.

Re. Sale of programs at the Stadium.

Pres. Metson informed the members of the Board that the Association desired permission to sell a program of their races, charging ten cents per copy, programs not to contain any advertisements.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

ADJOURNED.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary Park Commissioners.

San Francisco, July 13th, 1916.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, July 13th,1916 at 4 o'clock P.M.

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. Curtis H. Lindley,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum,
Com. A. B. Spreckels.

Absent: Com. M. Earl Cummings.

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to each Commissioner, , were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried adopted as the minutes of the meeting held June 29th, 1916.

Re. lighting of Park.

From the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. proposing to install 110-250 c.p. units along the North Drive as shown on drawing submitted. These units are so located and spaced that they will light the driveway adequately particular attention being paid to the location of these lamps in order that the intersecting driveways and pathways will be properly marked.

The posts to be of concrete, twelve feet high, circuits to be underground, lights to burn from one half hour after sunset until one half hour before sunrise. The Pacific Gas & Electric Co. to furnish everything and keep lamps in good condition for the sum of thirteen cents ($.13) per lamp per night. The work of opening and closing the trench for pipe and digging holes for posts to be done by the Park labor.

Referred to Supt. McLaren to investigate and report.

Re. Fall of the Bastile.

From his Honor, the Mayor, stating that he was in rsceipt of a communication from the Official Committee of the French Colony, asking that leave of absence be

given all Municipal employees of French extraction or descent who desire to attend the celebration of the Fall of the Bastile, Friday afternoon and evening, July 14th for the benefit of the Orphans and Blinded Soldiers of France.

The Mayor agreed to comply with the request and instructed the heads of the Municipal Departments to act accordingly.

The Board readily approved of the request and Supt. McLaren was instructed to carry out same.

Re. underground cable.

From the United States War Department stating that Supt. McLaren will be notified before the proposed work of laying an underground telephone cable between Fort Miley and Lake Merced is commenced.

Ordered filed.

Re. Academy of Science laboratory.

From the California Academy of Sciences submitting drawing and specifications for their proposed laboratory in Golden Gate Park.

No action by the Board was taken at this meeting.

Re. Park accounts.

From Auditor Boyle informing the Park Commissioners that the bookkeeper's and his accounts agree to a cent.

Total receipts	$428,665.08
" disbursements	427,413.16
Bal. in our favor 7/1/16	1,25[illegible]

Ordered filed.

Re. old labor demand.

From Auditor Boyle relative to Mr. S. Gambrel who worked eight days in the Park during the month of June, 1906. A demand was made out in his favor at that time but not being called for was deposited with seventeen others representing a total of $242.90 with the City Treasurer on March 14th, 1916. Mr. Gambrel called a few days ago for his demand and by instructions of

Auditor Boyle a new labor demand was made out and regularly signed and Mr. Gambrel received his money.

Action approved.

Re. killing of ducks.

From Chief of Police White stating that the officers on duty in Golden Gate Park have been instructed to pay strict attention to the complaint contained in Mr. Jordan's letter relative to the killing of the ducks in Golden Gate Park which the Chief says he trusts will prevent a repetition thereof in the future.

Ordered filed.

Re. Loboo Square.

From Board of Supervisors enclosing resolution No. 13072 (New series) which provides as follows:

> RESOLVED: That in accordance with the recommendation of the Public Schools Athletic League, the Park Commisoion is hereby requested, if in its judgment same is deemed advisable, to transfer its jurisdiction over Lobos Square to the Playground Commisoion for the purpose of converting said Square into a playground, the expense thereof to be defrayed out of the Panama Pacific International Exposition Lobos Square Fund, which fund has been set asids for the purpose of restoring the park to its original condition, as agreed upon by the Exposition Company and the Park Commission."

The oubstance of the foregoing Resolution was taken under advisement by the Board.

Re. sale of sheep.

Danz & Company bought of Park Commissioners seventy seven sheep, for which a check of $252.50 was received and deposited to the credit of the Park Fund.

Action approved.

Re. Preparedness Parads.

From Citizens Preparsdness Parade Committee notifying the Park Commisioners that Col. Thos. P. Robinson was requested to assist in properly forming this Department for the Parade, July 22nd, 1916.

Ordered filed.

Re. photos of golf links.

From Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad requesting two glossy prints of our golf links.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with instructions to procure the prints.

Re. program of races.

From the San Francisco-California Driving Club with an enclosed sample of program that they desire to sell during the races at the Stadium.

By order of Supt. McLaren to whom this matter was referred at a previous meeting, they were granted the privilege of selling the programs for two months from July 11th, 1916.

Action approved.

Re. National Hymn.

From Mayor's office with enclosure from Minnie Mantel in which she desires to have Prof. Cassasa informed that "The Star Spangle Banner" is our national hymn and not "America" and therefore the Park concerts should close with the former instead of the latter.

Ordered filed.

Re. Danish music.

From the Danish Society Helga requesting that the Park Band play certain pieces of Danish National Airs in addition to the ordinary program on Sunday, September 10th, 1916.

Secretary instructed to send copy of letter to Prof. Cassasa with instructions that he comply with the request

Re. water bill.

From the Spring Valley Water Company stating that they would regard it as a great favor if the Board would get their bills for meter month ending June 30th, 1916 so that they may reach them before the end of the present month.

Secretary instructed to oblige the Company. The demand with two of Prof. Cassasa's being all ready were signed by three of the Commissioners and taken to the Finance Committee next day to the great satisfaction of the interested parties for which they returned thanks.

Re. manurs pile.

From Board of Public Health complaining of the nuisance caused by a pile of manurs in that part of tho Park between 16th Avenue and Fulton Street and 10th Avenue and Geary Street.

Referrsd to Supt. McLaren.

Rs. safety zone on Gr. Highway.

From the Sloat Beach Improvement Club rscommending that sidewalks be placed on the Sloat Boulevard and the Great Highway or that s safety zone be established on either side of the roadway.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. Municipal R.R.

The Secretary was instructed to tender ths thanks of the membcrs of the Park Board to Mrs. J. M. Cushing, Rudolph V. Whiting and O.K. Cushing for their valuable assistance in helping the Park Commissioners to prevent the dssscration of the most beautiful portion of Golden Gate Park by running a street railroad across from ten to thirty fect deep to connect thc Richmond and Sunset Districts.

Pictures of Gjoa.

Two framed pictures of the Gjoa and one of Capt. Raold Amundsen taken from the office vault were ordered sent to the Park Museum.

Secretary gave thcm to Curator Barron and took his receipt for same.

Report on water.

Report of the Board of Public Health on ths condition of the drinking water in the Park.

Refsrred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. coping around Huntington Park.

From the McGilvray-Raymond Stone Company stating that a moulded coping for Huntington Park of size and character described would be in the vicinity of five dollars per lineal foot more or less according to the style of coping decided upon.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Supt. McLaren's report.

Report of Supt. McLaren for the month of June, 1916 read and adopted and recommendations approved.

Supt. Taylor's report.

Report of Supt. Taylor of the Childrens Quarters read and a copy ordered sent to each Commissioner.

Re. stairway at Childrens' Quarters.

Supt. Taylor submitted plans for altering the stairway from the lower floor to the upper floor of the Childrens Quarters building.

Referred to Supt. MCLaren.

ADJOURNED.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary Park Commissioners.

San Francisco, July 27th, 1916.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, July 27th, 1916

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Com. A. P. Spreckels,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum.

Absent: Com. Curtis H. Lindley.

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to each Commissioner, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried adopted as the minutes of the meeting held July 13th, 1916.

Re. cost of motor vehicles.

From the Board of Supervisors relative to Resolution #13144 which provides "That all departments are directed to keep a separate inventory of the cost of repairs on each motor vehicle in their custody".

Secretary instructed to comply with the provision of the Resolution.

Re. vacations for Park employees.

From employees of the Park Commission petitioning to be granted an annual vacation of twelve (12) days with pay which they declare is now enjoyed by all employees in every department of the City and County of San Francisco other than the employees of the Park Commission.

Secretary instructed to ask Percy V. Long, City Attorney for his opinion on the legality of granting the request of the petitioners.

Re. lighting Park drives.

From the Great Western Power Co. thanking the Park Commissioners for their invitation to bid on lighting the Main Drive in Golden Gate Park.

The Board instructed Supt. McLaren to provide and construct a conduit large enough to carry wires for all modern purposes.

Re. swimming tank at Stadium.

From Catherine Canning relative to two children who fell in the swimming tank and would have drowned had it not been for Thos. Duffy who on each occasion plunged in and dragged the child to safety. Subsequently a young man, Mr. Morris, twenty one years of age, was drowned notwithstanding the heroic efforts of a Park employee, J. Klapp, who jumped into the tank in nine feet of water and dragged the young man out almost in time to save his life. Mr. Klapp worked over him until he opened his eyes. He died, however, after being taken to the Hospital.

Secretary instructed to send J. Klapp and Thos. Duffy the thanks of the members of the Park Commission for their commendable and heroic efforts to save human life.

Re. Labor Day at Stadium.

From the San Francisco Labor Council and the Building Trades Council requesting the use of the Stadium, Golden Gate Park, on Labor Day, September 4th, where literary exercises, athletic contests, races and other events will take place.

Request unanimously granted.

Re. Municipal/R.R.

From O. K. Cushing acknowledging receipt of letter of thanks for his assistance in defeating the proposition of running a Municipal car line through the Park from 10th Avenue and Fulton to 14th Ave. and Lincoln Way.

Ordered filed.

Re. Municipal R.R.

From Mrs. J. M. Cushing acknowledging receipt of letter of thanks for her assistance in defeating the proposed Municipal Car line through Golden Gate Park from 10th Avenue and Fulton to 14th Avenue and Lincoln Way.

Ordered filed.

Re. entrances to Park.

From the Parkway Terrace Association relative to entrance and exit into the Park at or near 28th Ave. and Lincoln Way and also 31st Ave. and Lincoln Way so that the citizens living in that vicinity may have access to the Park.

Referred to Supt. McLaren for report.

Re. Lobos Square

From the Exposition-Golden Gate Valley Improvement Assn. tendering the Board of Park Commissioners a vote of thanks for the rehabilitation of Lobos Square.

Ordered filed.

Re. Strawberry Hill.

From E. R. Bromer submitting drawing for an observation tower on top of Strawberry Hill.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. drive at Gr. Highway.

From the Parkside Promotion Assn. inquiring as to what has been done in the matter of the approach of Taraval Street to the drive at the Great Highway. Upon the favorable recommendation of the Superintendent the Board ordered the approach to be constructed.

Letter of thanks.

From the Danish Society Helga No. 3 thanking the Board for their favorable consideration of their request to have the Park Band play Danish music on Sunday, Sept. 10th, 1916.

Ordered filed.

Re. conference at Sacramento re. Park development.

From the Secretary of the Board of Park Commissioners, Sacramento inviting Supt. McLaren to that City to confer with them relative to Park conditions in Sacramento.

Request granted and the Superintendent permitted to go, the expense of the trip to be paid by the Sacramento Park Commission.

Re. Hamilton Sq. playground.

From the Playground Commission relative to a complaint received regarding the exclusion of persons from Hamilton Playground. Secretary Lawler says "That a space at either end of the Square for the accommodation of adults has been provided as per agreement with the Board of Park Commissioners.

Ordered filed.

Re. infantile paralysis.

From the Board of Public Health relative to sanitary precautions against infantile paralysis becoming epidemical as at present in the Eastern States and submitting three sources of preventatives.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Re. manure pile.

From the Board of Public Health relative to complaint of a manure pile at 16th Ave. and Fulton St. to 10th Avenue and Geary Street.

Supt. McLaren reported that he had covered the pile with borax an inch thick and then covered that all over with clay.

Secretary instructed to so notify Board of Health and invite Health Officer W. Hassler to meet with Supt. McLaren in conference.

Re. Musicians' Outing.

From the Musicians' Union thanking the Board for past favors and sending five complimentary tickets for their Anniversary at Shellmound Park, July 20th.

Ordered filed.

Re. new tennis club house.

From the Golden Gate Tennis Club recommending that a new building be erected that would eliminate the objectionable features of the old building which has become inadequate to accommodate the increasing number of tennis players. The new building is estimated by Architect John Reid to cost $5,647.00.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Flowers for bomb victims.

Flowers were ordered to be sent to all victims of the bomb atrocity who were in the different hospitals.

Re. Betsy Ross Memorial.

Com. Cummings recommended that the base for the flag pole to be placed in Lincoln Park by the Native Daughters of the Golden West be circular instead of square as proposed by a plan submitted. Recommendation approved.

The Board agreed to give the flag pole now at the West End Beach Stables the property of the Park Commission towards the Memorial to Betsy Ross.

Referred to Com. Cummings with full power to act.

Re. collection of fire arms.

Com. Cummings suggested that the Board request from the Board of Police Commissioners a suitable collection of fire arms as the nucleus of an historical collection to be placed in the Park Museum.

A collection of opium pipes is also desired if available.

Secretary instructed to send communication.

Edw. Cerruti bill ordered paid.

The bill of Edw. Cerruti for $500. for show cases delivered to the Park Museum, was ordered paid.

Re. Rules of Park Commission.

Secretary was instructed to notify Chief D.A. White that the Rules and Regulations of the Park Commissioners are being constantly violated in Jefferson Square. Section 8 prohibits five or more persons from assembling in any public square for debate or discussion of any subject without the permission of the Park Commission and the Park Commissioners request that thess persons be dispersed when found violating the rules of the Board.

Report on milk and cream.

Report of the Board of Health relative to their examination of milk and cream was referred to Supt. Taylor.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary Park Commissioners.

San Francisco, August 10th, 1916.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park Thursday, August 10th, 1916

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,

Absent were: Com. Curtis H. Lindley,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum,
Com. M. Earl Cummings.

No quorum present.

Pres. Metson called the meeting to order and observing that no quorum was present, declared that the business of the Commission would be transacted by the two members present, subject to the approval of a quorum at the following meeting.

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to each Commissioner, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried adopted as the minutes of the meeting held July 27th, 1916.

Re. financial report.

From Edward Rainey, Secretary to the Mayor, acknowledging receipt of the Park Commissioners' Annual Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1916.

Ordered filed.

Re. Opinion of City Attorney on vacations.

From the City Attorney, Percy V. Long giving his opinion on the petition of Park employees for a vacation of twelve days with pay which reads as follows:

"On October 26, 1916, I advised the Auditor in an Opinion that Ordinance 3426 was adopted by the Board of Supervisors for the purpose of affording per diem employees annual vacations as therein specified.

In said opinion I advised the Auditor that Ordinance 3426, New Series, applied to deputies, clerks and employees without exception, and that, of course,

includes per diem employees.

On March 30, 1916, in an action entitled: Daly vs. Boyle, Auditor, etc., in the Superior Court of this City and County, No. 71862, Judge Crothers rendered a judgment upholding said ordinance, holding that the same applied to car men in the employ of the Municipal Railways of San Francisco who are per diem employees.

Section 1 of the so-called vacation ordinance provides "It is hereby declared that the public service will be promoted by granting annual vacations and emergency leaves of absence to deputies, clerks and employees of the City and County".

It will be observed that there is no distinction made between employees of the City and County who are appointed under the provisions of Article XIII of the Charter, relating to Civil Service, and those who are not so appointed, and my opinion is that the employees in the parks under your jurisdiction are entitled to the benefits of vacation periods as provided for in Ordinance 3426, New Series, and you are so advised."

On account of there being no quorum of the Board present, action was deferred until next meeting, copies of petition ordered sent each Commissioner.

Receipts from coin locks.

From the Pacific Coin Lock Co. enclosing their check for $17.40 being 25% of the receipts of the coin locks installed in public convenience stations as follows Golden Gate Park April 13th to August 1st; Alamo Square April 13th to August 3rd; Beach Chalet May 22nd to Aug. 3rd.

Secretary reported that the check had been deposited in the Treasury and the subject matter of the communication was referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. Japanese Buildings.

From Thayer Hall asking the Park Commissioners to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that they either appropriate enough money to build the Japanese Building in the Park or grant the building to a responsible party who will re-construct the building as the Japanese Government desires.

Mr. Hall will accept the building and all the City's liability furnishing bonds to carry out the provisions of paragraph VI of his petition.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. Japanese Building.

From T. Shintani relative to the removal of the Japanese Building from the Exposition Grounds.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Check for empty cement sacks.

From the Standard Portland Cement Co. enclosing check for $105.10 for empty sacks returned.

Secretary reported check deposited to credit of the Park Fund thanking the Company for the same.

Re. condemned fire horses.

From the Board of Fire Commissioners informing theBoard of Park Commissioners that their application for the transfer of one mare and one horse to the Park Department had been granted.

Secretary reported the mare and horse received and the thanks of the members of the Board tendered the Fire Commissioners.

Re. visit to Academy of Science.

From the California Academy of Science inviting the Park Commissioners to visit the Museum collectively or individually at an early date.

Three of the members being absent the Secretary was instructed to send a copy of the invitation to each Commissioner so that they might act upon it individually.

Re. school grounds.

From the Civic League of Improvement Clubs enclosing copy of a communication sent the Board of Education relative to the grounds surrounding the High School of Commerce.

Ordered filed.

Re. speaking in Parks & Squares.

From the Chief of Police relative to debates held in Jefferson Square by five or more persons in violation of the Park Commissioners' rules and regulations and stating that officers have been instructed to enforce the rulen for keeping the Parks a pleasure ground

instead of a place to voice complaints against everything in existence.

Ordered filed.

Re. collection of fire arms.

From Chief of Police White relative to the historical collection of fire arms, opium pipes, etc., which was referred to him by the Police Commissioners.

Secretary de Bucca referred the matter to Curator Barron who reported that he had secured eighteen guns and would continue to add to that number.

Secretary instructed to thank Chief White.

Re. collection of fire arms.

From Board of Police Commissioners relative to suitable display of fire arms and opium pipes to form an historical collection in the Park Museum which had been referred to Chief White with instructions to comply with the request if possible.

Secretary instructed to thank the Police Commission.

Re. road connecting Lincoln Pk. & Ft. Miley.

From the United States War Department relative to the construction of a roadway to connect Fort Miley with the westerly end of Lincoln Highway that being the shortest and most direct route to the Cliff House, Ocean Beach and Golden Gate Park.

Referred to Supt. McLaren for report.

Re. lighting of Park.

From the City Electric Company who were sent the specifications for lighting the North Drive in Golden Gate Park, informing the Park Commission that they do not feel that they can bid on the same at the present time and thanking the Board for the opportunity granted them.

Ordered filed.

Pacific Gas & Elec. Co. to install lighting system.

Permission was granted the Pacific Gas & Electric Company to install a lighting system in Golden Gate Park from Stanyan Street to the Ocean Beach and details referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. letter signed by Pres. Lincoln.

From the Mayor's office enclosing letter from Mrs. J. P. Bigelow offering to dispose of a letter defining the westerly terminal of the C.P.R.R. in 1861 signed by Abraham Lincoln.

Referred to Curator Barron.

Letter of thanks.

From the North of Panhandle Improvement Club thanking and commending the Board of Park Commissionero for ther promptness in granting the request for a playground in the Panhandle.

Ordered filed.

Re. entrance to Park.

From the Parkway Terrace Assn. thanking the Board for granting their request for an entrance in the vicinity of 26th and 31st. Avenues and Lincoln Way.

Ordered filed.

Re. removal of horse.

From the S. F. S. P. C. A. stating that the Society had removed a disabled horse from Clayton and Carmel Streets to the Golden Gate Park stables, free of charge.

Secretary instructed to thank the Society.

Re. convention of Park Superintendents.

From the American Association of Park Superintendents , announcing that the 18th Annual Convention will be held in New Orleans October 10-11-12, 1916 and inviting the Board of Park Commissioners to attend.

Supt. McLaren was given permission to attend the Convention.

Re. Spooner collection of paintings.

Attorney E. G. Clews brought up the question as to the ownership of the Sarah Spooner collection of paintings in the Museum, thirty in number and appraised by J.E. Trask at $43,350.50. Attorney Clews claimed,,in the interest of his client Mrs. Potter that the Will becomes null and void by virtue of her distributing more than one third of the value of her estate for charitable purposes.

Pres. Metson does not consider gifts to the Park Memorial Museum as gifts to a charitable institution and instructed Atty. Clews to cite his authorities and send a copy to Judge C.H. Lindley and Pres. W.H. Metson.

Supt. McLaren's report.

Supt. McLaren's report for July read and adopted and recommendations approved.

Supt. Taylor's report.

Supt. Taylor's report for July received and copies ordered sent the Commissioners.

Curator Barron's report.

Report of Curator Barron for July read and ordered filed.

Report on milk and cream.

Report on milk and cream from the Board of Public Health read and filed.

Report on water.

Report of Board of Health on Park water read and ordered filed.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the Chairman.

Secretary Park Commissioners.

San Francisco, August 24th, 1916.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, August 24th, 1916:

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum.

Absent were: Com. Curtis H. Lindley,
Com. A. B. Spreckels.

Business transacted Aug. 10th ratified.

The official business of the Board transacted by Pres. Metson and Com. A. B. Spreckels in the absence of a quorum at the meeting held August 10th, 1916, was on motion duly made, seconded and carried, ratified and adopted as the official acts of the Park Commission at their meeting held August 10th, 1916.

Minutes adopted.

The minutes of the meeting held July 27th, copies of which were sent to each Commissioner, were, on motion duly made, seconded and carried, adopted as the minutes of the meeting held July 27th, 1916.

Re. drowning at Stadium.

From the Mayor's office with enclosure from Dr. P. H. Luthrell relative to the circumstances which caused the drowning of his brother-in-law Irving A. Morris in the swimming pool at the Stadium on Saturday, July 22nd, 1916. Many useful suggestions were offered to aid in avoiding a repetition of the unfortunate accident, all of which were referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. Lungmotor.

From E. D. Bullard, recommending a "Lungmotor" which if installed at the Stadium swimming pool would materially help to save lives in the future should a

swimmer become submerged from different causes for a short time.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Letter of thanks.

From the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce thanking Supt. McLaren for map and valuable data regarding the Park Department and promising to give the Park needs a prominent place in their report.

Ordered filed.

Re. lighting of Main Drive.

From the Great Western Power Co. who regret to state that the City Electric Company to whom our communication had been referred, were unable at this time to furnish the requirements for lighting the Main Drive in Golden Gate Park.

Ordered filed.

Re. payment of claim on Jas. E. Lennon Co. re. collision with Park auto.

From City Attorney Percy V. Long enclosing check for $81.80 in full settlement of claim of the City and County of San Francisco vs. James E. Lennon Lime & Cement Company for damages to automobile of Park Commiosioners.

Secretary reported the payment of the check to the Locomobile Company of America who did the repair work on the Park machine for which they had a claim against the Park Commission of $81.80.

Secretary instructed to thank the City Attorney for his succeos in securing this payment so promptly.

Re. entrance at 30th Ave.

From the Parkway Terrace Assn. stating that they heartily agreed that the entrance to Golden Gate Park be made at 30th Avenue instead of 29th and Lincoln Way. The Asoociation promises to erect a gateway at that entrance at their own expense. When drawn, the design will be submitted to the Board of Park Commissioners.

The ladies of the Association desire a small playground establised at the end of the path to be made at 30th Avenue.

The Association was instructed to submit a design of the propooed Gateway to Com. Cummings who has been given full power to act.

Bonds of Museum employees.

The following continuation certificates of bonds of the Park Museum employees were received: Wm. Altmann, Wm. Blunt, Mrs. Mary Walter, Mrs. J. Hooke, Mrs. Jane Hoffman, and were ordered referred to Mayor Rolph.

Re. artificial lake.

From the North Beach Promotion Assn. requesting that the artificial lake at Columbus Avenue and Union Street be beautified with pond-lillies and other aquatic growths, also that the lake be drained occasionally.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. public speaking in Jefferson Square.

From Mrs. Ed. Raham thanking the Board of ridding Jefferson Square of the rough and ill-spoken men who have been frequenting this Square. She recommends the corner of Eddy and Laguna Streets as a place where boys should be permitted to play ball.

Ordered filed.

Re. Great Highway.

From the Oceanside Improvement Assn. complaining of the poor condition of the lower drive of the Great Highway between Lincoln Way and Norega Street.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Tennis court for Lincoln Park.

Petition from the residents about Lincoln Park that a tennis court be established there.

Referred to Supt. McLaren for report.

Re. tennis court nr. 30th Ave.

From the Oceanside Improvement Assn. petitioning for a tennis court on the Sunset side of the Park west of 30th Avenue.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. convenience station at Huntington Park.

From J. D. Karl suggesting that a convenience station for women and children be constructed in Huntington Park.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. conveyance on Beach.

From Robert Lewis Haver suggesting that some sort of conveyance be installed between the north and south end of the Park along the Beach as it is too far to walk.

Ordered filed.

Re. improvement of City Hall Grounds.

From the Board of Supervisors advising that $2,000. had been appropriated from the Civic Center Fund for the improvement and completion of the lawns about the City Hall. The letter further states that "Under the Bond procedure and the Charter, it will be necessary for this money to be expended in the same method in which you spent the money through the Board of Public Works for the improvement of the Plaza in the Civic Center. All that will be necessary will be for you to go ahead and do the work and send your bills through the bookkeeping department of the Board of Works, up to $2000."

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Request for elk granted.

From the Paidines Ranch Co. making application for a female elk in place of the one that died, will pay all expenses.

Supt. McLaren instructed to send another elk.

Report on milk.

From the Board of Public Health reporting on samples of milk used at the Childrens' Quarters, read and filed.

Re. petition of Park employees for vacation.

The petition of the Park employees for a vacation of twelve days with pay each year was considered with the result that the Secretary was instructed to segregate those who were not entitled to the benefits of the law from those who were.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary-Park Commissioners.

San Francisco, Sept. 7th, 1916.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, Sept. 7th, 1916

Present were: Com. Curtis H. Lindley,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum

Absent: Pres. W. H. Metson.

Com. Lindley Chairman pro tem.

In the absence of Pres. Metson, Com. Spreckels moved that Com. Lindley be elected Chairman pro tem. seconded by Com. Cummings, the motion being put by Secretary de Succa, was declared carried unanimously.

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to the Commissioners, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, adopted as the minutes of the meeting held August 24th, 1916.

Discussions and debates in public Parks unlawful.

A delegation of citizens who frequent Jefferson Square for the purpose of orating on "Back to the Land" and kindred subjects, attracting, they admit, over twenty persons, in violation of Section 8 Rules and Ordinances of the Park Commission which declares that not more than five persons may meet for the purpose of discussion or debate without first obtaining the consent of the Park Commissioners.

Members of the delegation declared they had been abused, insulted, arrested and thrown into prison by the police for refusing to move on; and therefore requested that Section 8 be repealed.

Acting President Lindley informed them that the law was a good one, had been in effect many years and were the law not now in existence, the Board would enact such a law at once. It was not directed at the delegation present, but intended to enable and protect all citizens in the enjoyment of the beauties of the Parks and Squares of this City without the distracting arguments of discontented pessimists. The Parks and Squares were dedicated to park purposes only and must remain the pleasure grounds of the people.

Request of delegation denied.

California Academy of Science to be dedicated.

From the California Academy of Sciences announcing the dedication of its Museum Building in Golden Gate Park. The time tentatively fixed is at 2:45 P.M., Friday September 22nd, 1916. A number of seats are requested and other courtesies, all of which have been referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. conduit across Park.

From the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company making application for permiosion to install a line of conduits across the Park as shown on drawing 1176-C attached.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Letter of thanks

From the Park Richmond Improvement Club thanking the Board for their co-operation in making their Dahlia Show a success by contributing beautiful flowers.

Ordered filed.

Re. Sharp Park.

From the City and County Attorney, Percy V. Long relative to a bill of $150. for certificate of title for 410.36 acres of land in San Mateo County.

Com. Spreckels one of the executors of the Honora Sharp Estate ordered the bill sent to him for payment, and it was so ordersd by the Board.

Re. Tennis Club House.

From the Golden Gate Tennis Club informing the Board that no steps had yet been taken by the Committee

toward the collection of subscriptions from the tennis players for the building of the Club House. They desire to learn if the plans submitted by Architect Reid are acceptable to the Board or what changes are contemplated. When the plans are accepted they will obtain better results with their subscription-collection plan.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Museum bonds.

From the Mayor's office approving the bonds of the following Museum employees: Wm. Altmann, Wm. Blunt, Mesdames M. Walter, J. Hooke, J. Hoffman.

Bonds ordered filed.

Re. Japanese Buildings.

From M. Makino, E. Takamura, K. Yoshide and I. Ishii all relative to the removal of Japanese Buildings from the Exposition Grounds to the Park.

Acting President Lindley stated that he would take the subject matter up with Mr. Kast, Superintendent of Supplies of the Board of Supervisors.

Com. Lindley given full power to act.

Re. car lines in Park.

From Mr. Zoeth Eldredge with enclosure of letters of New York Commission of Parks relative to cars crossing Parks.

Secretary instructed to thank Mr. Eldredge for his great interest in our Parks.

Mrs. Foley's bond.

From J. F. Jewell forwarding receipt for the payment of Mrs. M. Foley's bond, renewed.

Ordered filed.

Re. vacations for Park employees.

Secretary de Succa submitted data relative to the number of Park employees entitled to a vacation of twelve days with pay, there are 216 employees

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Supt. Taylor's report.

Supt. Taylor's report for the month of August received and copies ordered sent the Commissioners.

Supt. McLaren's report.

Supt. McLaren's report for the month of August read and adopted and recommendations approved.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the meeting the Board adjourned subject to the call of the Chair.

Secretary-Park Commissioners.

San Francisco, September 21st, 1916.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, September 21st, 1916

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum.

Absent: Com. Curtis H. Lindley.

Minutes adopted.

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent the Commissioners, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried adopted as the minutes of the meeting held September 7th, 1916.

Plans for new Museum building.

Mr. M. H. DeYoung and Mr. L. G. Mulgardt, architect of the new Memorial Museum Building to be donated by Mr. De Young and other citizens to the Park Commissioners for the benefit and enjoyment of all the people who visit Golden Gate Park, appeared before the Board and submitted plans for the new Building. Mr. De Young and Mr. Mulgardt explained the plans which were unanimously accepted by the Park Commissioners.

The cost of the building, when completed, will be about Half a Million Dollars, California Mission style of architecture, will be constructed on the west side of the present Museum Building and will extend almost to the Japanese Tea Garden being 625 feet long and 180 feet deep . There will be a tower 85 feet high in the center of the structure where beautiful Toledo doors will be used and the color scheme will be the same as that employed at the Panama Pacific International Exposition.

The Board invited Mr. De Young and his associates to commence the work of construction as soon as conven-

ient to them.

Check for Cervantes Monument.

From J. J. Mora forwarding check for $351.15 for labor and material furnished by the Park Commissioners for the placing of the Cervantes Monument.

Secretary to acknowledge receipt of check.

Re. caddies at Lincoln Park.

From the Lincoln Park Golf Club relative to professional instructors and caddy fees.

The Club's suggestion relative to caddy fees was approved while the suggestion relative to instructors obtaining permits was referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. Stadium swimming pool.

From the Coroner's Office, City and County of San Francisco enclosing certified copy of the verdict of the Coroner's Jury in the case of Irving A. Morris, drowned in the Stadium swimming pool July 28nd. The Jury recommend that proper life-saving apparatus be installed and that an attendant be appointed to guard this pool.

Ordered filed.

Request for sea tent grass.

From T. B. Bridges requesting some roots of the grass used in reclaiming sand areas.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. garbage can Great Highway.

From the Oceanside Improvement Assn. requesting that a garbage can be placed on the Great Highway at the foot of Lincoln Way.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. ostriches.

From Robison Bros. relative to the purchase of three pair of ostriches from Mr. Tesley and agreeing to stand responsible for any damage to Park property or Park employees through the crating of same.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Re. phamplet descriptive of Golden Gate Park.

From Dr. R. L. Rigdon making the following suggestions:

1. That maps or diagrams be made of the Park showing clearly the different roads and paths and forested areas;

2. That a series of phamplets covering the various trees, giving their locations and their physical characteristics;

3. That phamplets be published giving short and non-technical descriptions of the various families of trees;

4. That these publications would be enhanced if the local geographical stations of the Pacific Coast trees could be indicated.

Taken under consideration.

Re. Civil Service.

From Chas. F. Adams, enclosing copy of proposed Charter Amendment on behalf of certain non-civil service employees.

Ordered filed.

Re. auto bus route.

From the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors stating that the Public Utilities Committee of the Board of Supervisors are considering the establishing of an auto bus route across the Park extending from 10th Ave. and Fulton Street to the Sunset District, and they desire to know whether any objections thereto will be offered by the Park Commission.

By instructions received from Pres. Metson the Secretary made the following reply to their inquiry:

> " The Park Commissioners would be very glad to facilitate a bus line or lines across the Park and in fact do anything that would make the Park popular or attractive.

" It is suggested to your Honorable Committee that you spare the time to come to the Park and look over the ground with Superintendent McLaren so that the best results can be obtained at the least expense. You, of course, know that there are certain police regulations which must be adhered to, especially on congested days like Sundays and holidays, andin order to have a full understanding of that matter it might be wise to have Sergeant McGee, who is in charge of the Park policing, go over the ground at the same time.

" If you can spare the time the undersigned would be glad to make appointments with the Park Superintendent and Sergeant McGee and such others as you think would be able to give you any assistance.

" Please notify this office if the Committee will meet Mr. McLaren and I will make the proper arrangements".

Action approved.

Request for plants.

From the Golden Gate Kindergarten Association requesting a donation of plants to be planted around the school house.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with the request that the wish be complied with.

Re. motion pictures.

From J. T. Edwards requesting permission to take some motion pictures in Golden Gate Park and also some scenes in the Japanese Tea Garden.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Re. dancing pavilion.

From R. P. C. Maguire suggesting that an open air dancing pavilion be conducted under the jurisdiction of the Park Commission.

Taken under consideration.

Bond of Museum employe.

From J. F. Jewell forwarding receipt for renewal of bond of Miss E. Lyons, printer at Park Museum.

Ordered filed.

Re. Gateway at 30th. Avenue.

Com. Cummings to whom was referred the design of a gateway to be erected at 30th Ave. and submitted by Mr. F. Nelson, reported that same did not meet with

his approval and advised the Board not to accept the design.

Secretary to so notify Mr. Nelson.

Re. purchase of painting.

Com. Cummings was given authority to purchase a California painting with the proceeds from the sale of catalogues at the Museum amounting to $315.

Report on milk.

Report of the Board of Public Health on milk and cream received and referred to Supt. Taylor.

Report of Curator.

Report of Curator Barron read and filed.

Re. payment of wages to discharged men.

Information relative to the upholding by Judge Graham of the law passed by the Legislature in 1915 providing for the payment of wages to an employe who resigns or is discharged within five days of such resignation or discharge.

Referred to Secretary.

ADJOURNED.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary--Park Commissioners.

San Francisco, October 5th, 1916.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, October 5th, 1916

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum.

Absent were: Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. Curtis H. Lindley.

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to the Commissioners, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried adopted as the minutes of the meeting held September 21st, 1916.

Re. Jewish Holy Days.

From his Honor, Mayor James Rolph, Jr., directing the heads of all Departments to permit employes of the Jewish faith to absent themselves from duty on September 28th and October 7th, 1916 same being Jewish Holy days.

Mayor's instructions complied with.

Re. Breon Memorial Room.

From Pres. Metson with enclosures from M. H. de Young agreeing to a request from Mrs. Breon's Attorney O. K. Cushing for an allowance of 1800 square feet in the New Museum Building.

O. K. Cushing to Pres. Metson: re. copy of an agreement, etc., in a form that will be acceptable to the Federal Trust Company. Pres. Metson to O. K. Cushing: suggesting some changes in sub-division "A" of paragraph one and other paragraphs;and Pres. Metson to M. H. de Young: re. to the request from O. K. Cushing, Attorney for Mrs. Breon, requesting exhibition rooms upon the main floor of the building of not less than 1800 square feet which shall be devoted to the exhibition of ceramics.

Supt. McLaren was instructed to report relative to the amount of earth to be removed, preparatory to laying the foundation, of the New Museum Building.

Re. Chinese Dragon.

From the Idora Park Company requesting permission to use the Chinese Dragon on "Chinese Day", October 16th, 1916 at present in the Memorial Museum.

Referred to Pres. Metson and Curator Barron.

Re. Chalet on Twin Peaks.

From Heidelberg Inn making application for a lease of a parcel of land, situated on the west side of the summit of Twin Peaks for the purpose of erecting a Swiss Alpine Chalet, to be conducted as a first class restaurant for the benefit of the general public.

Applicant to be informed that the Twin Peaks are not under the jurisdiction of the Park Commission.

Re. photo in Museum.

From Anita de Sosnowska requesting permission to photograph a photograph taken at the Midwinter Fair.

Referred to Curator Barron who was instructed to grant the request after first obtaining the consent of the donor.

Re. Fort Miley Road.

From Major Edw. Kimmel relative to the construction of a road connecting Fort Miley with the Lincoln Park Boulevard at the northern end of 40th Ave. also the return of some previous communications.

Letter answered as per instructions of Supt. McLaren, and all correspondence returned.

Re. music.

From the Board of Park Directors of Lawrence, requesting information relative to our concerts.

Secretary forwarded information.

Re. return of loan.

From Mrs. E. P. Reese requesting the return of her collection of antique lace to Miss Ruth [illegible].

Phelps, 2323 Park Avenue, Oswego, N,Y.

Curator instructed to return the loan.

Re. elk.

From the Paicines Ranch Company thanking the Park Commissioners for sending the cow elk which arrived in good condition on Saturday last.

Ordered filed.

Re. Guide books.

From Mysell Rollins Co. offering to publish several million guide books to be sold at ten cents each which would be distributed in a period of several years. It would be without revenue to the Park Commissioners unless advertisements were allowed to be placed in the publication.

Matter taken under consideration.

Re. Literature.

From the Christian Science Literature Distributing Committee requesting the privilege of placing an artistic box for holding literature in the Childrens Playground in the Park.

Permission denied.

Re. vacation Ordinance.

From the Board of Supervisors forwarding copy of Ordinance granting annual vacations to employees in the service of the City andCounty of San Francisco.

Ordered filed.

Supt. McLaren's report.

Report of Supt. McLaren read and recommendations approved and adopted.

Supt. Taylor's report.

Report of Supt. Taylor read and copies ordered sent to each Commissioners.

Curator's report.

Curator Barron's report read and filed.

Re. park purposes.

From Zoeth Eldredge relative to keeping Golden Gate Park exclusively for Park purposes.

Ordered filed.

Return of medals. Curator Farron was instructed to return all medals loaned by Peter McIntyre to his brother.

ADJOURNED. There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary--Park Commissioners.

San Francisco, October 19th, 1916.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, October 19th, 1916

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum.

Absent:-- Com. Curtis H. Lindley.

Minutes adopted.

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to the Commissioners, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, adopted as the minutes of the meeting held October 5th, 1916.

Re. fire relics.

From T. R. Murphy, Chief Engineer of the San Francisco Fire Department extending thanks for the use of old Fire Department relics from the Park Museum on the occasion of the Fire Department Parade in the Path of Gold celebration which exhibit proved most interesting.

Ordered filed.

Donation of etchings.

From A. S. MacDonald in which he offers to donate a collection of some masterpieces of American etchings as per list enclosed, to be permanently exhibited in the Park Museum.

Donation accepted with thanks of the Board.

Re. loan of bull Buffalo.

From A.D. Duke requesting the loan of a servicable young Buffalo bull, agreeing to pay for the crating, shipping and any other expenses connected with same. He agrees to return the bull at the request of the Park Commission paying all costs of shipment.

The loan was approved and details referred to Supt. McLaren.

Check re. shipment of elk.

From the Paicines Ranch Co. enclosing check for $27.75 for expenses of shipping elk to the Ranch.

Check deposited to credit of the Park Fund.

Checks for Ostriches.

Checks from Robison Bros., for crating Ostriches, amounting to $81.50.

Checks deposited to credit of the Park Fund.

Check for Huntington Park.

From R. P. Schwerin enclosing check for Four Thousand Dollars ($4000.) covering the donation of Mrs. A.D. Huntington towards the improvement of Huntington Park on California Street.

Check deposited to the credit of the Park Fund.

Re. Breon Memorial Room.

From M. H. de Young in answer to a letter received from Pres. W.H. Metson relative to a provision in the contemplated deposit of Mrs. Breon which provides that a space of 1800 square feet shall be devoted to the exhibition of Ceramics and that the same room shall have a sids place therein as a Breon testimonial or other inscription as designated in the Trust.

Mr. de Young agrees to provide for the above.

The action of Pres. Metson in securing this concession from Mr. de Young for Mrs. Brcon was approved by the Board.

Re. drinking fountain for Lobos Square.

From the California Club, expressing a wish to present to the Park Commission a plaster drinking fountain on a brick base at present located in front of the Service Building, corner of Fillmore snd Francisco Sts. The California Club will gladly pay the expense of its removal to Lobos Square.

Approved by Com. Cummings and referred to Supt. Mc Laren with full power to act.

Re. paths for 7th Avenue.

From the Mayor's office enclosing petition to open pathways for pedestrians on each side of the present entrance opposite 7th Avenue near the Ball Grounds.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Re. cultivation of Mulberry tree.

From the Silk Culture Society requesting the use of a small space of ground in Golden Gate Park 40 X 50 feet for the purpose of propagating cuttings of the Mulberry tree for distribution throughout the State.

There being no objection the request was referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Re. abolishing sidewalks about Union Square.

From the Street Committee of the Board of Supervisors enclosing copy of the proposed Ordinance authorizing the Board of Supervisors and Board of Public Works to take the necessary procedure to dispense with the sidewalks around Union Square. The Street Committee wishes to know whether or not the Park Board has any objections to the proposed ordinance.

The Park Commissioners believe it would be a mistake to remove the sidewalks and therefore are opposed to the proposed Ordinance. Secretary instructed to so notify the Street Committee.

Re. Aquarium.

From the Fillmore Street Improvement Assn. submitting a Resolution unanimously adopted expressing the sentiments of the people of the District, as follows:

> "BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fillmore Street Improvement Association at the regular meeting held this date, most heartily commend the civic pride and loyal patriotism displayed by our respected fellow citizen and emphatically and unequivocally endorse the suggestion that Golden Gate Park is the most suitable location for an acquarium.

Secretary instructed to send a copy of the resolution to Mr. Ignatz Steinhart.

Re. vandalism in Park.

From the Chief of Police, who had been notified of the vandals at work in the Park every night killing animals and destroying the beauties of the grounds. The Chief promises that special efforts will be made to apprehend the guilty parties.

Ordered filed.

Re. Detention Home Grounds.

From Probation Officer J. C. Astredo, stating that the Probation Committee would be grateful if the Park Commission would develop the plot of land immediately in front of the new Juvenile Court and Dotention Home Building, a space approximately 100 feet long by 2 feet wide.

Referred to Supt. McLaren for a report.

Re. Mission Pk.

From the Horace Mann Mothers' Club rsquesting that Mission Park be better lighted and patrolled.

Copy of letter ordered sent to the Committee on Lights of the Board of Supervisors and also copy to the Chief of Polics.

Re. Panhandle crossing.

From Ex-Park Commissioner W.K. Gutzkow, calling attention to the condition of the crossings in the Panhandle. He suggests that a cement or vitrified brick walk about four feet wide be laid.

Referred to Supt. McLaren for report.

Re. water supply.

From Department of Public Health requesting information as to the souree of the water supplied to the drinking fountains in the Park.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. contract.

From Hartford Indemnity Co. inquiring when the contract of Scott Magner & Miller expires.

Seeretary instrueted to notify them that the contract would expire October 28th, 1916.

ADJOURNED. There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary-Park Commissioners.

San Francisco, November 9th, 1916.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners at the Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, November 9th, 1916

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,

Absent were: Com. Curtis H. Lindley
Com. Sigmund Greensbaum.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to each Commiesioner, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, adopted as the minutee of the meeting held October 19th, 1916.

Re. estate of Johanne Augusta Emily Marx.

A copy of an order of the Court relative to the estate of Johanne Augusta Emily Marx wae read. Pres. Metson stated that he would investigate the matter.

Copy of order to be sent to Pres. Metson.

Re. grounds of Detention Home.

From J. C. Astredo, Probation Officer, stating that work on the ground in front of the new Detention Home hae been postponed indefinitely.

Ordered filed.

Re. aquarium.

From the Parkside Improvement Association endorsing the project to construct an aquarium in Golden Gate Park.

Ordered filed.

Re. Mulberry tree.

From the Silk Culture Society thanking the Commiseioners for their favorable action on the Society's request for space in which to propagate Mulberry trees.

Ordered filed.

Re. crowds at Ball Grounds.

From Supervisor Andrew J. Gallagher calling the Board's attention to the lack of protection to the public at the Ball Grounds in Golden Gate Park.

Acting Secretary instructed to notify Supervisor Gallagher that the Board has realized for some time the necessity of a fence around the Ball Grounds but lack the funds with which to do the work. Also the police do not provide adequate protection to the people.

Re. condemned fire horses.

From the Board of Fire Commissioners stating that the request that five condemned fire horses be transferred to the Park Department had been granted.

Letter of thanks ordered sent for their favorable action.

Re. acorns from trees in front of Washington's home.

From Mrs. H. P. Pasmore offering to donate a number of acorns taken from the trees in front of Washington's home at Mt. Vernon, the acorns to be planted in front of the proposed site of the Virginia Building in Lincoln Park.

Offer accepted and referred to Supt. McLaren with instructions to accede to the request.

Re. Strawberry Hill.

From the Haight & Ashbury Improvement Association thanking the Board for the improvement work done at Strawberry Hill.

Ordered filed.

Re. Mission Park.

From the Board of Supervisors enclosing letter from Mrs. J. B. Molloy relative to the lighting of Mission Park.

Ordered filed as the Park Commissioners have no jurisdiction over the lights in Mission Park.

Re. street tree planting.

From the Mayor's office enclosing communication from the Outdoor Art League relative to street tree planting and suggesting the Pittosporum as the most appropriate for this section.

The Board decided to carry out as far as possible the suggestions contained in the communication and referred the matter to Supt. McLaren.

Acting Secretary instructed to so notify the Mayor's office.

Re. Music.

From Eugene M. Levy relative to the dispersing of the public at the Sunday concerts at the rendition of "America" by the Band.

Copy ordered sent Prof. Chas. H. Cassasa.

Re. fire alarm box at Museum.

From the Department of Electricity stating that they will install the fire alarm box at the Park Museum provided the Park Commission supplies the labor to do the digging of the trench, etc.

Supt. McLaren authorized to do the work as set forth in the communication.

Re. Yew tree in Civic Center.

From the San Francisco Drama League Club requesting that a tablet be placed on the English Yew tree in the Civic Center indicating that its purpose was to commemorate the tercentenary of Shakespeare's death.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Sale of horses.

The Acting Secretary reported the sale of nine horses at auction for the net sum of $221.80 and the deposit of same in the City Treasury to the credit of the Park Fund.

Action approved.

Report on milk and cream.

From the Board of Public Health reporting on the milk, cream and ice cream used at the Childrens' Quarters.

Ordered filed.

Supt. McLaren's report.

Supt. McLaren's report for October read and recommendations approved and report adopted.

Ordered filed.

Report of Supt. Taylor.

Report of Supt. Taylor of the Childrens' Playground read and copies ordered sent the Commissioners.

Re. pioneer locomotive donated by David Hewes.

At a meeting held October 21st, 1910 the Board accepted the offer of a pioneer locomotive mads by David Hewes. Inasmuch as the engine has never been delivered to the Park Commissioners and the estate of David Hewes desires to dispose of the locomotive, the Board, by unanimous vote rescinded its order of acceptance.

Re. exhibit of sculpture at Park Museum.

From Prince Paul Troubetzkoy, the eminent sculptor, relative to an exhibition of his works at the Park Museum; the Park to bear the expense of transportation from New York and return.

Referred to Curator Barron with instructions to ascertain the expense of transportation and installation of said exhibits.

Re. Breon Memorial Room at Museum.

From Cushing & Cushing, submitting form of agreement to be entered into between Christine Breon and the Board of Park Commissioners relative to a deposit of $15,000. made by Mrs. Breon to be used in building a ceramic room containing a floor space of not less than 1800 square feet in the new Museum Building.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, Pres. Metson was authorized to sign the agreement as submitted by Cushing & Cushing, Attorneys for Mrs. C. Breon.

The agreement was ordered spread in full on the minutes of the Board, as follows:

"THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this day of 1916, by the Board of Park Commissioners of the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, with Christine Breon, a widow, of the City and County of San Francisco,

WITNESSETH:

THAT WHEREAS under the charter of the City and County of San Francisco the Park Commissioners are authorized to receive donations for the improvement of Golden Gate Park in the City of San Francisco, and have the exclusive right to erect, and superintend the erection of, buildings and structures therein, and have the management and control of the museum and art gallery in said Golden Gate Park; and

WHEREAS the construction has been commenced in Golden Gate Park of a new concrete and masonry building, to be used principally for museum purposes only, the funds for the erection of which are to be furnished and donated by private individuals; and

WHEREAS in said building there will be a number of rooms to be used for the purpose of exhibiting different articles for the instruction and information of the public; and

WHEREAS said Christine Breon has contributed toward the erection of such building the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars ($15,000.), on condition that one of the exhibition rooms upon the main floor of said building, and covering not less than 1800 square feet of spacs upon said main floor, and to be devoted to the exhibition to the public of exhibits of ceramics be designated and marked as a memorial room as hereinafter provided,

NOW, THEREFORE, The Board of Park Commissioners of the City andCounty of San Francisco hereby declares that the sum of Fifteen Thousand ($15,000.) Dollars has been donated by the said Christine Breon, to be expended toward the erection of said museum building hereinbefore referred to, and upon consideration that a room therein be designated and known as the "Christine Breon Memorial Room", as hereinafter provided; and

The Board of Park Commissioners by virtue of the power and authority vested in them by the charter of the City and County of San Francisco, and on behalf of said City and County of San Francisco, hereby promises to said Christine Breon, here Executors, Administrators and successors in interest that, in consideration of the donation and contribution by said Christine Breon, her Executors, Administrators and successors in interest that, in consideration of the donation and contribution by said Christine Breon of said sum of Fifteen Thousand ($15,000.) Dollars, one of the exhibition rooms upon the main floor of the building hereinbefore referred to, occupying a floor space upon said main floor of not less than 1800 square feet, and which room shall be devoted to the exhibition to the public of exhibits of ceramics, shall be permanently designated and known as the "Christine Breon Memorial Room", and that there shall be permanently maintained

and conspicuously displayed on the wall of said room a bronze tablet, not less than 36 inches long and 12 inches wide, bearing the words "Christine Breon Memorial Room, in Memory of Paul Breon, Charles Breon, William Breon, Paul Breon, Jr., and Leonora Breon".

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Board of Park Commissioners, pursuant to resolution duly adopted, has caused these presents to be executed by its President and Secretary the day and year first above written."

To collect wild Rhododendrons.

Permission was unanimously granted Supt. McLaren to send the park auto truck to Mendocino County to collect the wild Rhododendrons which abound in profusion in that section.

ADJOURNED.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Acting Secretary Park Commissioners.

San Francisco, November 23rd, 1916.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners at the Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, November 23rd, 1916,

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum,
Absent: Com. Curtis H. Lindley.

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to each Commissioner, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, adopted as the minutes of the meeting held November 9th, 1916.

Re. Japanese, Chinese and Siamese Bldgs.

From Eugene Shelby, Asst. Secretary to the Mayor, relative to the removal from the Exposition Grounds to new locations, of the Chinese, Japanese and Siamese Buildings.

Secretary instructed to notify the Mayor that no funds are available for this purpose, but if the City will appropriate approximately $16,000. for the removal of these buildings from the Exposition Grounds to locations to be selected by the Board of Park Commissioners, they will take care of them.

Re. Ocean Beach Esplanade.

From the Chamber of Commerce enclosing copy of communication sent the Board of Public Works under date of March 15th, 1916, relative to the completion of the first section of the Ocean Beach Esplanade and petitioning the said Board to pave that portion of the roadway included in the completed section.

The Chamber of Commerce suggests that arrangements be made for putting in such parking strips and other features of the first section as will be constructed by the Park Commission.

Secretary instructed to notify the Chamber of Commerce that he had been directed to request the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors to appropriate sufficient funds to bituminize that portion of the Esplanade now completed and that they had assured Supt. McLaren that they would do their best to obtain the amount necessary out of the Good Roads Fund.

Re. New Museum Building.

From Lindgren Company informing Supt. McLaren that they had placed grade and line stakes for the new Memorial Museum Building. The grade stakes are at the elevation of eight feet above the road, which is the height they desire the site to be graded to. As soon as the general cut is made they can proceed with the building.

Supt. McLaren reported that not knowing at the present time whether the whole building was to be erected at once or only the first unit, he has placed an estimate of approximately $1200. for the entire grading.

The Superintendent was instructed to expend this amount in the grading, by unanimous vote of the Board.

Re Emily Marx Estate.

From C. B. Gillispie of Pres. Metson's office, in answer to a letter received by him from the Acting Secretary of the Park Commission, relative to the estate of Johenne Augusta Emily Marx, in which he states that the decedent in her will left $5,000. to the Commissioners of Golden Gate Park, that a contest of the Will is pending

and at present it is not definitely known whether or not the $5,000. will be available.

This information is furnished the Park Commission at the request of Pres. Metson.

Re. slopes of Alamo Square.

From the Board of Public Works informing the members of the Park Board that by Resolution 49158, adopted November 6th, 1916, the Board of Park Commissioners are requested to sod the slopes in Alamo Square fronting Hayes Street for which the sum of $50.89 remaining in the Regrade Fund will be paid the Park Board upon the completion of the work.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Re. Lobos Square.

From the Playground Commission requesting that the Park Commissioners transfer Lobos Square to the jurisdiction of the Playground Commission.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the request of the Playground Commission be granted provided a portion of the Square be preserved for park purposes and that the plan of the improvements be submitted to the Park Board.

Re. pitometer Tests.

From the Spring Valley Water Company requesting permission to make pitometer tests of the water flowing through the thirty inch pipe line laid in the month of June, 1915 in Golden Gate Park, subject to the approval of Supt. McLaren and agreeing to pay cost of all damages occasioned by such tests.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Re. Sunday concerts.

From Prof. Cassasa stating that he will print on the programs the general desire that the audience remain seated during the rendition of "America" by the band

Ordered filed.

Re. Presidio Parkway.

From the Park Richmond Improvement Club calling the attention of the Board to the condition of the roadway connecting the Park with the Presidio, also that portion from Lake Street to the Marine Hospital.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Re. medals of Peter McIntyre.

From Brother Anthony of St. Mary's College to Curator Barron relative to the thirteen medals at present in the Memorial Museum, property of the late Peter McIntyre.

Curator Barron was instructed to place the medals in the possession of the Public Administrator, taking his receipt for the same.

Re. loan of exhibits.

Com. Cummings brought up the question of loaning to the Art Institute for educational purposes, such exhibits as are duplicates in the Museum. They will be exhibited to the public school pupils.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Board gave its consent and referred the details to Com. Cummings and Curator Barron.

ADJOURNED.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary-Park Commissioners.

San Francisco, December 7th, 1916.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners at the Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, December 7th, 1916

Present were: Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum,
Com. M. Earl Cummings.

Absent were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. Curtis H. Lindley.

Chairman pro tem.

In the absence of Pres. Metson, Com. Greenebaum moved that Com. Spreckels be elected Chairman pro tem., seconded by Com. Cummings and carried.

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to each Commissioner, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, adopted as the minutes of the meeting held November 23rd, 1916.

Re. new Museum Building.

From L. C. Mullgardt to M. H. de Young stating that it has been agreed between Supt. McLaren and himself that the front of the new Museum Building should set one hundred feet back of the roadway measuring from the nearest boundary line and that the floor level shall be nine feet above the mean elevation of the roadway. This will elevate the building five feet above the roadway at its base and he asks Mr. de Young to notify the Lindgren Co. if this meets with his approval.

Ordered filed.

Re. Lobos Square.

From the Playground Commission calling attention to a resolution relative to the development of Lobos Sq. The resolution recites that the Playground Commission has no funds at the present time, but when funds are

available they will develop the grounds along lines of a plan outlined by Mr. De Groot.

Ordered filed.

Re. leaves sent to Washington.

From the Department of Agriculture tendering thanks for a box of leaves of the Mytenus boaria which will be analyzed to ascertain its forage value which they will report to Supt. McLaren as soon as received.

Ordered filed.

Re. medals of Peter McIntyre.

From W. J. Hynes, Public Administrator, receipt for thirtesn medals, property of the late Peter McIntyre.

Ordered filed.

Re. cemetery lot for park purposes.

From the Mayor's office with enclosure from Mr. John Hubert Mee stating that some of his clients are owners of a lot in Masonic Cemetery, that is of no use to them and which they are willing to deed to the City for park purposes.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. adornment of City Hall.

From the Mayor's office with enclosure from M.B. Roberts relative to the adornment of the new City Hall by hanging on the walls the notable pictures of Golden Gats Park, sixteen in number, to be seen at the store on Market Street between Mason and Taylor Streets. He also suggests the planting of thirty to forty year old Palms on the Van Ness Avenue side of the City Hall. The Palms could bs had for that purpose by communicating with Theo. Hittell.

Referred to Com. Cummings and Supt. McLaren.

Re. Christmas celebrations.

From Clerk of the Board of Supervisors requesting co-operation with the Municipal Christmas Committse to make arrangements for the public entertainment on Christmas Eve in the Civic Center and the Christmas Tree celebration in Golden Gate Park on Christmas Day.

Referred to Pres. Metson, Com. Cummings and Supt. McLaren.

Re. Esplanade.

From L. M. King extending thanks of the Chamber of Commerce for the action taken by the Park Commissioners relative to securing money from the Good Roads Fund to bituminize that portion of the Esplanade now completed and ready for its permanent parking.

Ordered filed.

Re. Bull Buffalo and elk.

From the Dept. of Interior to Pres. Metson relative to application for one bull Buffalo and one bull Elk from the Yellowstone National Park. This application has been granted and will be carried out the coming season, subject only to the conditions that the Park Commissioners pay all expenses connected with the capturing and shipment of said animals, as stated in the enclosed regulations.

The Board agreed to pay all expenses and referred the details to Pres. Metson and Supt. McLaren.

Letter of thanks.

From the Board of Park Commissioners of San Diego thanking the Park Commissioners of San Francisco for a fine Buffalo Cow donated them.

Ordered filed.

Re. Buffalo bull sent to Modoc Co.

From W. D. Duke, Likely, Modoc County, acknowledging receipt of a Buffalo Bull in splendid condition for which he thanks the Park Commissioners.

Mr. Duke promises to secure some young Antelope for the Park next Spring.

Ordered filed.

Re. Japanese, Chinese and Siamese Buildings.

From the Mayor's office enclosing correspondence relative to the acceptance and removal from theExposition Grounds of the Japanese, Chinese and Siamese Buildings to Golden Gate Park; letters are as follows:

Eugene Shelby, Asst. Secretary to the Mayor, to Com. Curtis H. Lindley.
Pres. W. H. Metson to Com. Curtis H. Lindley.
Com. Lindley to Pres. Metson
J. S. Dunnigan, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to Com. Lindley.
J. S. Dunnigan to H. G. W. Dinkelspiel, Japaness Consul.
Com. Lindley to J. S. Dunnigan.
H. D. H. Connick, Director of Works, P.P.I.E., to Com. Lindley.
Com. Lindley to H. D. H. Connick.
H. Yamawaki, Japanese Com. General to P.P.I.E. to Park Memorial Museum.
Pres. Metson to H. Yamawaki.
J. Harada, Japanese Com. to P.P.I.E., to Pres. Metson
Geo. H. Barron, Curator Park Museum to H. Yamawaki.
H. Yamawaki to Dr. B. I. Wheeler.
N. B. Drury to Com. H. Yamawaki.
B. B. Drury to Mr. Joya, Consultate Gen. of Japan.
Mr. M. Joya to N. B. Drury.
Mr. M. Joya to Mr. C. C. Moore.
J. M. Cummings to M. Joya.
M. Hamihara, Consul General of Japan to Mr. Markwart.
Com. Lindley to Secretary James de Sueca.
Secty. de Succa to Com. Lindley.
Synopsis of minutes of several meetings on ths actions of the Board of Park Commissioners on the question of the Japanese Building.

Ordered filed.

Re. Portals of the Past.

From A. H. Gray relative to the improper lettering of the inscription on the tablet marking the "Portals of the Past". All the capital 'I's' being dotted.

Referrsd to Com. Cummings.

Re. Tennis courts.

From the Park Business Men's Tennis Club relative to the new Club House, also relative to the crowded condition of the tennis courts.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. exhibit of Prince Paul Troubetskoy.

Curator Barron rsported that the freight charges on the collection offered by Prince Paul Troubetskoy for exhibition at the Park Museum in Goldsn Gate Park would amount to $600. and desired to know if the Commissioners would pay one half the freight charges. The Board declared they had no funds for this purpose and in-

structed the Curator to wire the Prince and tell him the Board had no funds available to pay freight charges on his exhibit, but would be more than pleased if he could see his way clear to assume the expense himself depending on the sales he might make for which no commission charges would be made.

Curator Barron wired the Prince as follows:

"Have taken the matter of exhibition with our Commission The freight charges are very great We have no funds We would like to have the exhibition We may sell some of your works We charge no commission Could you not assume the freight charges Please wire"

Curator Barron also wired Robt. G. Eberhart as follows:

"Our Commission will not pay freight charges Will Prince Paul assume the obligation We may sell a great many of his works We charge no commission Do all you can for us See Prince at once Wire answer"

Ordered filed.

Supt. McLaren's report.

Report of Supt. McLaren for November, 1916, read and adopted and recommendations approved.

Report of Supt. Taylor.

Supt. Taylor's report for November read and copies ordered sent to the Commissioners.

Report on milk.

From Board of Public Health, report on milk and cream. Referred to Supt. Taylor.

ADJOURNED.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary-Park Commissioners

San Francisco, December 21st, 1916.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, December 21st, 1916

Present were: Pres. W. H. Metson,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum,
Com. M. Earl Cummings.

Absent: Com. Curtis H. Lindley.

Minutes adopted.

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to each Commissioner, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, adopted as the minutes of the meeting held December 7th, 1916.

Re. Sharp Estate.

From Hon. A. B. Spreckels to his Honor, Mayor Rolph, enclosing his check for $43,883.29 being his portion of the Sharp inheritance. Mr. Spreckels requested Mayor Rolph to so arrange the deposit of this money that the Park Commissioners may draw against it at any time for much needed improvements.

Ordered filed.

From City Attorney Percy V. Long to Treasurer John E. McDougald relative to the matter of the Spreckels-Murphy Special Deposit.

Copies of communications sent to the Auditor.

Ordered filed.

From City Attorney Long to Treasurer John E. McDougald in which he informs the Treasurer that he is enclosing a check in the amount of $43,883.29 drawn by Hon. A. B. Spreckels to the order of Mayor Rolph, properly endorsed by the Mayor. This check, together with a quit-claim deed to certain San Mateo property constituteo a complete settlement by Mr. Spreckels of his part of the obligation assumed by Mr. Spreckels and Mr. Samuel G. Murphy in a certain deed declaration of trust

which followed the bequest left by the Last Will and Testament of Honora Sharp/

In conformity with the direction of Mr. Spreckels a special account is to be opened with the City and County Treasurer and known as the "Spreckels-Murphy Special Deposit" to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners for the benefit of the Sharp Park and other parks belonging to the City and County of San Francisco.

Ordered filed.

From Clerk of the Board of Supervisors who states that he is in receipt of a communication from City Attorney Long accompanied by a deed from Adolph B. Spreckels and wife to the City and County of San Francisco dated March 31st, 1916, recorded December 12, 1916 in Vol. 258 of deeds, page 369, San Mateo County Record. These documents are on file in the office of the Board of Supervisors.

Ordered filed.

Re. Ft. Miley road.

From Pres. Metson with enclsoures to the Secretary, stating that the agreement between the Park Commissioners and the United States War Department relative to the road to connect with Fort Miley had been signed by him and instructing the Secretary to forward same to the Commanding General, Pacific Coast Artillery District.

Secretary reported having complied with the instructions and letter ordered filed.

Re. Lobos Square.

From the Panama Pacific International Exposition Company to Supt. John McLaren stating that the request for a cash payment in lieu of the various buildings on Lobos Square had been approved, and enclosing check

for $2349. with the understanding that at the close of December 5th, 1916 the P.P.I.E. will cease all care of Lobos Square.

They request the acceptance of Lobos Square at once so that they may consider this part of the work closed. The Board unanimously accepted Lobos Square.

Secretary reported acknowledging receipt of check and depositing same to the credit of the Park Fund.

Action approved.

Re. Siam Building as Tennis Club House.

From Eugene Shelby, Assistant Secretary to the Mayor, stating that it had been suggested to that office that the Siam Building be used as a tennis club house instead of constructing a new building for that purpose. Mr. Shelby further states that this suggestion has been approved by Emil S. Fischer, Secretary to the Chinese Commission to the P.P.I.E.

Referred to Supt. McLaren for report.

Letter of thanks.

From the Veterans' Home of California thanking the Park Commissioners for their presentation to the Home of seventy five young Pittisporum trees.

Ordsred filed.

Re. increase in wage of teamsters.

From the Material Teamsters Union #216 stating that owing to the increased cost of living the Union has found it necessary to ask for an increase of $.50 per day in their wages, to become effective January 1st, 1917.

This increase was granted by the Board <u>provided</u> teamsters carrying sand, gravel, manure, etc., used in the construction and maintenance of roads and drives are considered building material teamsters, all of which the

Secretary was instructed to learn from the Teamsters' Union.

Re. vacations of mechanics.

From the Department of Public Works, relative to the system in use in that Department granting vacations to mechanics who do not usually work on Saturday afternoons.

The Dept. of Public Works pays such mechanics a full days pay for Saturday and such Saturdays are counted as one of the twelve days vacation to which all mechanics are entitled.

Ordered filed.

Re. playground apparatus for Mission Park.

From the Mission Promotion Association stating that they are in hearty accord with the plans of the Playground Commission for installing childrens' playground apparatus in Mission Park and asking the Park Commissioners to accede to the desire of the Playground Commission.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Re. grass roots.

From the Sebring Real Estate Co., Sebring, Fla. requesting a few roots of the "Sea Bent Grass".

Referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Re. auto signs.

From G. H. Woodward who desires to install signs similar to the ones the Sparton Horn people install all through the Park.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Donation of canaries.

From Mrs. M. F. Raymond of Lower Rochester, Nevada, offering to donate six canaries to the Park.

Donation accepted with thanks and referred to the Superintendent.

Re. pay before Christmas.

From the Mayor's office with enclosure from "A Park employe's wife" requesting that the Park employees be paid before Christmas.

Referred to Secretary.

Re. Lick Monument.

From G. W. Safford suggesting that a fence be placed around the grass plats at the Lick Monument, 8th and Market Streets.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Salary of Museum attendants raised.

From the Park Museum employees, employed as caretakers, six in number, who are now receiving $45. per month, asking for an increase in pay.

Com. Greenebaum moved an increase of $5.00 per month, seconded by Comrs. Cummings and Spreckels and carried unanimously.

Re. exhibit of paintings.

From Robt. G. Eberhart, telegram from New York stating that PrincePaul Troubetskoy will send at his own expense fifty paintings to be exhibited at the Park Museum in about one week.

Curator Barron instructed to thank the Prince and Mr. Eberhart.

ADJOURNED.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

SECRETARY PARK COMMISSIONERS.

San Francisco, January 4th, 1917.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, January 4th, 1917

Present were: Pres. W.H. Metson,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Com. Curtis H. Lindley.

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to each Commissioner, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, adopted as the minutes of the meeting held December 21st, 1916.

Re. Spreckels-Murphy Special Deposit Fund.

From City and County Treasurer John E. McDougald, notifying the Board that under date of December 13th, 1916 he had received the sum of Forty three Thousand Eight hundred and Eighty three and 29/100 Dollars ($43,883.29), the same being placed to the credit of the Spreckels-Murphy Special Deposit Fund to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners for the benefit of the Sharp Park and other parks, as per copies of letters from Com. Spreckels and City Attorney Percy V. Long.

Ordered filed.

Re. Samuel Murphy's share of the Sharp inheritance.

On motion of Com. Spreckels, seconded by Com. Greenebaum, and carried, Com. Curtis H. Lindley was appointed to communicate with Mr. Samuel G. Murphy at the Metropolitan Club, New York City, notifying him of the action of Com. A. B. Spreckels in paying into the Treasury of the City and County of San Francisco his share of the

Sharp inheritance and soliciting Mr. Murphy to do likewise.

Com. Lindley sent the following communication to Mr. Samuel G. Murphy:

January 5th, 1917.

Hon. Samuel G. Murphy,
Metropolitan Club,
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Murphy:-

At a meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the City and County of San Francisco held yesterday, I was directed to present for your consideration the situation which confronts the Board with reference to the properties distributed to you and Mr. Spreckels on the winding up of the Estate of the late Honora Sharp.

We all of us recognize and appreciate, as do all good citizens of our City, the generous sentiments which have actuated you and Mr. Spreckels in the past with regard to this property and its ultimate dedication to park purposes. The plan of turning it over to the city, to be administered by the Park Commission, has been partially carried out, Mr. Spreckels having deeded an undivided half interest in the Sharp Ranch in San Mateo County, and deposited with the City Treasurer, to the credit of the Park fund, one-half of the money.

The Board finds itself in a somewhat embarrassing position, with a half interest in the land and half the fund. It is extremely desirous of perfecting plans to improve the land and place it in condition to be enjoyed by our citizens as a people's playground.

We feel that the realization of these plans will not only be a tribute to Mrs. Sharp's memory, but will enable you and Mr. Spreckels to receive at an early date that public recognition of the generous spirit which has made it possible to add to the city one of its best assets - a park tract which will serve so high and commendable purposes.

May we not ask you to follow theleal of Mr. Spreckels by executing a similar conveyance to the City of the undivided half interest of the Ranch, and depositing with the City Treasurer the other half of the fund?

We will greatly appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

With the best wishes of the entire board for a prosperous and successful New Year, I remain

Yours very truly,

CURTIS H. LINDLEY.

Communication approved and ordered filed.

Re. Chinese Goverment Buildings.

From Emil S. Fischer, Foreign Secretary and Advisor to the Chinese Goverment to the P.P.I.E. addressed to Pres. W. H. Metson relative to the preservation of theChineee Goverment Building.

Ordered filed.

Re. Civic Center coping.

From the Board of Supervisors, copy of Resolution No. 13163 (New Series) in which Section 5 provides for experimenting under direction of the Park Commission on a suitable coping and hedge around the Civic Center Plaza, present fence to be removed, $250.

Ordered filed.

Re. residence of employees.

From the Board of Supervisors requesting the names of employees on the City Pay roll who reside outside of the boundaries of the City and County of San Francisco.

Referred to Secretary.

Re. advance in wage of teamsters.

From Teamsters' Union #216 in which the Union claims that all teamsters hauling to the construction of buildings, streets, sewers, etc., are entitled to the increase in wage.

Ordered filed.

Re. conduit across Park.

From the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. relative to a conduit across Golden Gate Park at 19th Avenue stating that it is agreeable to them to have the work done by Park employees, assuming that we refer to the trench work, said work not be commence earlier than Spring, the permit to provide accordingly.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Re. cow at Lands' End station.

From the United Railroads of San Francisco stating that Mr. Harris who occupies a small stand at Lands' Eng subject to the consent of the United Railroads Co., will dispose of his cow, said cow having caused damage to

the Golf Links in Lincoln Park.

Ordered filed.

Report on water.

Report of the Board of Health on the water used in the Park, showing the water to be in good condition was read and ordered filed.

Re. increase in salary.

From Museum employees who were given an advance from $45. to $50. per month in their salaries, expressing their sincere thanks for the increase.

Ordered filed.

Supt. McLaren's report.

Report of Supt. McLaren for the month of December, 1916 read and recommendations approved and report adopted.

Report, Supt. Taylor.

Report of Supt. Taylor of receipts and expenditures of the Childrens' Quarters for the month of December, 1916, read and copies ordered sent to each Commissioner.

Adjourned.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary-Park Commissioners.

San Francisco, January 11th, 1917.

Special meeting.

At a special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, January 11th, 1917

Present were: Com. Curtis H. Lindley,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Com. John A. McGregor,
Past Pres. Wm. H. Metson.

Certificate of John A. McGregor.

The certificate of appointment of the Hon. John A. McGregor by his Honor, Mayor Rolph, as a Park Commissioner for the term of four years, was presented and accepted by a unanimous vote of the members of the Board and a copy ordered spread in full in the minutes of the Board:

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME; GREETING:

Reposing special confidence in the fidelity and ability of JOHN A. McGREGOR, I do by these presents, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco, appoint him a PARK COMMISSIONER, in and for the City and County of San Francisco, to hold said office for the term of four years, from and after the 8th day of January, 1917 vice WM. H. METSON, term expired.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name and have caused the seal of my office to be affixed hereto, this 8th day of January, 1917.

JAMES ROLPH, JR.
MAYOR.

ATTEST:
EUGENE SHELBY
ASST. SECRETARY.

Pres. Metson, who had escorted Mr. McGregor to the meeting, took this opportunity to say that the appointment was very gratifying to him as a lover of the Park. "Mr. McGregor has travelled a great deal, is a successful business man and these qualities will assist him in becoming a good and efficient Park Commissioner. I commend him to you, and you to him".

Com. Lindley expressed the regret of the members of the Board at the loss of so valued and efficient a member as Pres. W. H. Metson had proven himself to be during his seven and a half years as President. His great love for the work of beautifying Golden Gate Park was his special delight and none of his valuable time was too precious if it was required in the performance of his duties as President, in fact the members of the Board have been spoiled by the willingness of Pres. Metson in practically doing most of the work".

"His fourteen years membership on the Board had given him personal knowledge of all the details of the work in the office, which he personally inspected, as well as all important improvements contemplated by the superintendent. His personal knowledge of the most beautiful locations in Golden Gate Park, gained by him in his frequent visits through every pathway in the Park as an equestrian, on foot and in his auto, enabled him to select many beautiful locations for artificial lakes, one of which has since been named "Metson Lake" in his honor. The retirement of Pres. Metson while deeply regretted by his associates, enables them to express their eulogy in these simple words "Well done, faithful and efficient President".

Com. Lindley expressed the pleasure of the members of the Board at the appointment of Hon. John A. McGregor who, as a successful business man, who has travelled a great deal, seeing the beauties of art and nature will without a doubt be suggesting improvements in Park affairs that will extend its beauties as money becomes available.

Com. McGregor thanked the members of the Board for the kind words expressed, for he felt there might be a little soreness at the loss of such a valuable member as President Metson, but Mr. Metson himself dispelled such a feeling by his kind invitation to accompany him to the Park Lodge in his own auto and introduce him to the members of the Board which he very gladly accepted. He said he would do his duty as a member of the Board to the best of his ability.

Com. Cummings placed in nomination for President, for the succeeding term, Com. A. B. Spreckels, who respectfully declined and nominated Com. Curtis H. Lindley. Com. Lindley asked Com. Spreckels if he desired the Presidency and Com. Spreckels answered "NO". The nomination of Com. Lindley was then seconded by Com. Greenebaum, and carried unanimously.

Pres. Lindley in assuming the Chair thanked the members of the Board for the honor.

Re. State auto license fees.

From Auditor Boyle stating that his Attorney E. F. Moran informs him that under the provision of the State law all automobiles owned by the City and County of San Francisco are exempt fromthe payment of registration or license fee. He desires to know the amount paid during the past two years by the Park Department, as it is his intention to request the State for a refund of the amount paid for licenses.

Secretary stated that he had complied with the Auditor's request.

Action approved.

Re. Mission Park Playground.

From the Playground Commission notifying the Park Commissioners of the adoption of the following Resolution November 29th, 1916 and ratified Jan. 4, 1917:

> "On motion regularly moved, seconded and carried the Secretary was directed to write to the Park Commission requesting the privilege of installing apparatus in Mission Park for small children, said installation to be subject to the approval of Mr. John McLaren."

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. Spooner Collection of paintings.

From Pres. Metson requesting the approval of the Park Commissioners to his agreement with Mrs. Potter sister of Miss Sarah Spooner, relative to a division of the Spooner Collection of paintings, as follows:

> "With your approval I have agreed to a settlement of the Spooner collection of paintings in the Spooner Estate, whereby the Park gets the title to the following pictures:
>
> | | | | |
> |---|---|---|---|
> | No. 102 | Fallen Asleep | C. Wilda | [illegible] |
> | No. 107 | Scene in Russia | F. Roubaud | [illegible] |
> | No. 111 | Holy Week in Seville, | Ignex Aroda | [illegible] |
> | No. 112 | A Montenegrin | Jernowici | [illegible] |
> | No.1848 | Landscape, | Daubigny | [illegible] |
> | | | | [illegible] |
>
> Mrs. Potter gets the others.
>
> Mrs. Potter has indicated her willin[illegible] many of the paintings which were [illegible] this compromise, to remain in th[illegible] time at least.
>
> We did the very best with this tr[illegible]. The total appraisement was $45,300. [illegible] the pictures that we get is $[illegible]. [illegible] the choice paintings, according [illegible] friends, save and except the [illegible] "Shepherd and his Flocks" which Mrs. Potter [illegible] the landscape by Daubigny."

Action of Pres. Metson [illegible].

Re. Alamo Square slopes.

From the Board of Public Works returning a demand for work done on Alamo Square slopes amounting to $50.89 informing the Park Commissioners that but $25.89 was available for that improvement.

By instructions from Supt. McLaren the Secretary made out a demand for the reduced amount.

Action approved.

Re. Sharp Park.

From Mayor's Office with enclosure from A.C. Duncan relative to the expenditure of $87,600. from the Honora Sharp Estate. He states that money can best be spent on the San Mateo property known as Sharp Park.

Communication taken under advisement.

Re. Park Fund.

From Auditor Boyle advising the Board that he has checked up the financial statement for Golden Gate Park for the past six months ending Dec. 31, 1916 and finds that the Park Accountant's books agree with the Auditor's accounts. The statement is as follows:

"RECEIPTS:	
Cash Balance and Budget Allowance	$379,251.92
Honora Sharp Fund	43,883.29
From Rents, Miscellaneous sales, etc.	25,690.50
	$448,825.71
DISBURSEMENTS:	
By salaries and wages	$136,230.80
" miscellaneous supplies	72,769.70
	$209,000.50
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1917	$239,825.21

Ordered filed.

Report on milk and cream.

From Department of Public Health, analysis of samples of milk and ice cream, showing same to be of good quality.

Ordered filed.

Minutes approved.

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to each Commissioner, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, adopted as the minutes of the meeting held January 4th, 1917.

Re. Lotta's Fountain.

Com. Cummings submitted plans for alterations in Lotta's Fountain, Market and Kearny Streets, to make it harmonize with the Path of Gold Electric lights on Market Street. The alterations consist of raising the base and elevating the fountain.

Referred to Com. Cummings who must supervise and approve the alterations.

Re. death of Park employe.

From the Industrial Accident Commission relative to the death of Richard Brownlee, suit having been entered against the City and County by his widow Ellen Brownlee. The Board of Park Commissioners are requested to send a representative to the hearing January 22nd, 1917 at 10 o'clock A.M., at the Underwood Building, 525 Market Street.

Secretary instructed to attend the hearing.

Re. loan of elk and buffalo.

From E. W. Smalley, State Deputy Fish and Game Commissioner requesting the Park Commissioners to donate to Kings County a pair of Elk and Buffalo, provided the County pays all expenses connected with their capture, crating, shipment, etc.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

ADJOURNED.

There being no further business before the board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary Park Commissioners.

San Francisco, January 25th, 1917.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, January 25th, 1917

Present were: Pres. Curtis H. Lindley,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. John A. McGregor,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum,
Com. M. Earl Cummings.

Resolution re. Hon. W. H. Metson.

The following Resolution was unanimously adopted and ordered spread in full on the minutes of the Board:

WHEREAS the term of office of Mr. William H. Metson as a Park Commissioner having expired, and

WHEREAS Mr. William H. Metson having served the City of San Francisco for a great many years with intelligent enthusiasm and a fine loyalty as a member and as President of the Board of Park Commissioners, and

WHEREAS the relations between Mr. Metson and his fellow Commissioners have been most cordial so that a distinct loss is felt at his departure from this Board,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Board of Park Commissioners hereby express their appreciation of the long and notable services of Mr. Metson and of his unswerving fidelity to the interests of the City and County of San Francisco, and feel the deepest regret that such relations must terminate,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Board and that a copy be suitably engrossed and presented to Mr. Metson.

Minutes adopted.

The minutes of the meeting held January 11th, copies of which were sent to the Commissioners, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, adopted as the minutes of the meeting held January 11, 1917.

Re. Jefferson Sq. as Playground.

From the California Club, Outdoor Art Leagus Department, protesting againot any use of ths lower part of Jsfferson Squars which will destroy the beauty of its trees and grass plots and interfere with their enjoyment by young children and adults.

From Board of Education who, by request of the following organizations: Parent-Teachers Club of the John Swett School, the Young Women's Chriotian Assn., the East of Fillmore Street Impr. Assn., Hayes Valley Impr. Assn., Civic League, Mothsrs' Congreso, City Fsdsration of Clubs, Council of Jewish Women, Recreation League, and Juvenile Protective Assn., adopted the following resolution:

> RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby endorses the request of the above mentioned organizations ahd expresses itself as being in hearty accord with this movement for safe-guarding the intereato of the many children attending the public schools under its jurisdiction in the locality herein referred to, further
>
> RESOLVED: That the Board of Education urges that the Park Commissioners make such transfer, and that the Board of Supervisors appropriate sufficient funds in the next Budget to equip said playground."

From the Playground Commission, who, by requcot of the following organizations: Mothers' Club, Jonn Swett School; John Swett School, rspresented by Mrs. Fitz-Gerald, Principal; Young Womens Christian Assn.; Fillmore Street Impr. Assn.; Hayes Valley Impr. Assn., Civic League, Mothers Congrsss, City Fedsration of Clubs, Council of Jewish Women, Recrsation League and the Juvenile Protective Assn., adopted the following resoltuons:

> RESOLVED: That the Playground Commission endorse the petition of the above namsd organizations for the transfer of that portion of Jefferson Square bounded by Turk, Laguna and Gough Streets and Golden Gate Ave. to the jurisdiction of the PlaygroundCommission for play purposes, provided such transfer meets with the approval of the Park Commission and that the Board of Supervisors set aside sufficient funds for the maintenance and operation of same as a playground".

The osveral organizations in favor of the transfer of the above mentioned portion of Jefferson Squars into a playground, were represented at the meeting of ths Park Commissioners by Eustace Peixotto, Secrstary Recreation League; Dr. I. Beck, of the Fillmore Strest Improvement Assn; Mrs. Fitz-Gerald, Principal of the John Swett School; Mrs. Bsnner, Y.W.C.A.; C. Rees of the Hayes Valley Improvsment Aosn; Mrs. Tomlinson, President Mothers Club and Mrs. Jordon, Jr., Juvenile Protsctive Assn. All urged the use of that portion of Jeffsrson Sq. mentioned for playground purposes.

Strong opposition developed from both Mise Hittell and Mrs. Sinclair representing the Outdoor Art League of the California Club. They denied the necessity for the playground in Jefferson Square, there being plenty of vacant lots in the district, thsy denied all charges of immorality and indecency that the other side olaimed children going through the Square were oubjected to witnessing. Miss Hittsll stated that she went through the Park almost daily and has bsen a resident of the neighborhood for the past forty years and has nsver yet seen anything improper, she protested against cutting down those magnificent Eucalyptus trees, that had not in thepast bssn properly appreciated, but were beginning to be considersd ths pser of any trse grown. Care for the beautiful comes from the cultivation of ths mind and not from the cultivation of the muscle in the arms. She also characterized Hamilton Square Playground with its prison fence, ugly and protested against its bsing closed at 5 P.M.

Mrs. Fitz-Gerald, Principal of the John Swstt School statsd that she oends her pupils to the South Park Playgrounds because of the crimes committed against children in Jefferson Square. A ghstto was being fostersd near the Civic Center. She had warned children not to go to

Jefferson Square unless accompanied by a guardian, and there are 35,000 children in the neighborhood.

Matter referred to Supt. McLaren for report.

On motion of Com. Spreckels, seconded by Com. Greensbaum and carried, the whole question of a playground in Jefferson Square was referred to Supt. McLaren for a report at the next meeting.

Re. Fadgl cars in Park.

Former Park Commissioner Wm. K. Gutzkow and Mr. J. Cunningham appeared before the Board representing the San Francisco Club, advocating the granting of a concession to the Fadgl Flexible Railroad System who are willing to install one or more trains to transport children and adults from the Stanyan Street entrance to the Park past the playgrounds, base ball fields to the Music Stand and Park Museum, returning by a different route.

The matter was taken under advisement by the Board.

Re. case of Richard Brownlee

The following verdict was received from Coroner Leland relative to the death of Richard Brownlee, Park employe:

"That the said Richard Brownlee, male, white, aged 60 years, nativity Ireland, married, occupation teamster, residence 425 25th Avenue, came to his death on December 25th, 1916 in Golden Gate Park near Pumping Station from cerebral hemorrhage following injury: And we further find: That said deceased came to his death accidentally falling from his wagon."

Secretary de Succa submitted the following report:

"I respectfully report attending the examination before W. W. Britton, General Referree of the Industrial Accident Commission held January 22, 1917 into the death of Richard Brownlee, teamster in the employ of the Park Commissioners, whose death occurred December 25th, 1916 and whose body was discovered by other Park teamsters, James Cunnington and J. Mc Ginn and Police Officer Harrington. These persons testified substantially as given in their reports at the time. The case of Mrs. Ellen Brownlee rests upon a construction put on the class of work Mr. Brownlee was engaged in. The Referree classed his work as

Horticultural which, if his opinion is sustained by the Industrial Accident Commission, who review the testimony, will deprive Mrs. Brownles of all compensation because Section 14 excludes any employe engaged in farm, dairy, agricultural, viticultural or horticultural labor, in stock or pultry raising, or in household domestic service.

A decision of the Industrial Accident Commission is promised soon."

Referred to Pres. Lindley.

Re. memorial to Mrs. L. White.

From the Outdoor Art League of theCalifornia Club requesting permiocion to dedicate a grove of trses in Golden Gate Park to the memory of the late Mrs. Lovell White.

Request granted and details subject to the approval of Supt. McLaren.

Re. Music program.

From the L. Frentrup Co., submitting a proposition to print andpublish a Golden Gate Park program of music.

Request denied.

Re. Budget Estimate.

From the Board of Supervisors relative to the Budget for the year 1917-1918 which must be filed by March 15th, 1917.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. sewer on Gr. Highway.

From the Clinton Construction Co., requesting permission to construct a sewer on the Great Highway from Moraga to Norisga Street to finish contract with the City.

Permission granted, work to be under the supervision of Supt. McLaren.

Re. 24th Ave. crossing.

From the Park Richmond Impr. Club relative to the bad condition of the roadway across the Park at 24th Avenue and suggesting that in conosquence of the heavy traffic it is oubjected to, it should be paved with something stronger than the ordinary tar roadway.

Referred to Supt. McLaren who is to report on the probable cost of a bituminous rock roadway.

Re. ground of Portola School.

From the Principal of the Portola School in the San Bruno District requesting that the basin that will not hold water in the courtyard of the School, could be made a beautiful fsatyre if filled in with the right sort of plants, which will be greatly appreciated by the pupils, porent and teachers of the District.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Request for animale.

From G.W. Bene requesting two Does and one Buck two Buffaloes, heiffer calves and what the cost of same will be.

Referred to Supt. McLaren with full power to act.

Re. fire horses.

From the Board of Fire Commissioners who wish to turn over four horses, Nos. 390, 634, 647, and 683 to the Park Commission before same at condemned.

At request of Supt. McLaren the four horses were sent for.

Re. Ledger of 1794.

From W.H. Beall offering to loan to the Park Museum a Ledger used near the City of Washington in the year 1794 to 1800. Curator Barron has made application for the Ledger.

Re. return of cane.

A request was made for the return to the son of the Right Rev. W.I. Kip of his father's cane, exhibit #39310.

Request granted and referred to Curator Barron.

Re. lights for Park.

From the Pacific Gas and Electric Co. submitting two designe for the standards for lights in the Park The Board decided in favor of the Golden Gate Park lighting standard.

The following communications relative to the Greek Statuary were read:

From C. Vassardakis, Commiesioner General of Greece to Hon. James Rolph, Jr., Mayor:

" It ie with inexpressible pleaoure that I, acting in behalf of my August Soverign, His Hellenic Majeety King Constantine, and Hie Government, the Government of Gresco, tender to the citizens of San Francisco through your Honor, all the casts of Ancient Greek Statues which have been proudly exhibited by Greece at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, to be a free and heartfelt gift of Greece to the City and County of San Francisco. Ant it ie the profound hope of His Majesty, the King of Greece, that this collection of caste of sculptured art shall be permanently retained by you and placed before all the citizens of your City in an Art Gallery under the custody of a Committee consisting of your Honor ae President, the Expoeition'e Honorable President, Charlee C. Moore, the Vice Presidente, Mr. R. Hale, Mr. L. Sloes, Mr. De Young, Senator Phelan, Congreseman Julius Kahn and Mr. Bernard Maybeck, ae membere to be a constant inepiration, in the years to come, toward the ideal freedom and its expression in terme of the beautiful.

With sincereet wishes for your Honor and your City, I beg to remain".

From Hon. Jamee Rolph, Jr., to the Board of Park Commieeioners:

" Some monthe since, ae Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco, I officially accepted a gift of etatuary tendered by Hon. C.E. Vassardakis, Commieeioner Genoral of Greece. This collection was, in due couree, turned over to the San Francisco Art Aesociation and it still reposse in the Fine Arts Building on the Exposition Grounds.

In order that the City may derive the benofit of thie collection of valuable statuary, it ie important that eame be officially turned over to the Hon. Board of Park Commissioners, and this lotter is written ao an assurance that I will be glad to take the neceeeary steps to effect that end. Such preliminary details as may be required for this purpoee, you will kindly arrange through your Secretary, and I will, when called upon, sign such documente ae may be requested to release this collection."

From M. H. De Young, Chairman San Francisco Exposition Preservation Committee to Hon. C. E. Vassardakis, Commissioner General of Greece:

" At a meeting of the San Francisco Exposition Preservation Committee to day the following resolution was adopted with respect to your letter of December 22nd, 1915, to Honorable James Rolph, Jr., copy of Mr. M.H. De Young:

RESOLVED, The San Francisco Exposition Preservation Committee having received a communication from his Honor Mayor James Rolph, Jr., and also a communication addressed to him by Mr. C. Vassardakis, Commissioner General of Greece, informing him of his gift to the City of San Francisco of the casts of sculptured art;

RESOLVED, That this committee formally accepts same in the name of the City of San Francisco and take possession of same at the convenience of Mr. Vassardakis, Commissioner General of Greece;

RESOLVED, Further, that the thanks of the citizens of San Francisco be extended to his Hellenic Majesty King Constantine and His Government for this magnificent gift.

This Committee desires to thank you for your efforts in securing for the City of San Francisco this beautiful art, and await your pleasure in taking possession of same in behalf of the City."

The Board unanimously accepted the statuary and referred to details to Curator Barron.

ADJOURNED. There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary Park Commissioners.

San Francisco, February 8th, 1917.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, February 8th, 1917

Preoent were: Pres. Curtis H. Lindley,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Com. A. B. Sprsckels,
Com. Sigmund Greonebaum.

Absent: Com. John A. McGregor.

Minutes approved.

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to the Commissioners, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, adopted as the minutes of the meeting held January 25th, 1917.

Re. Budget Estimate.

From Mayor Rolph respectfully suggesting the commencement of work upon the budget estimate of the Park Department at the earliest possible moment and to further request that in making up the Estimate, the thought of economy be ever present in the minds of those so engaged.

A budget estimate having been submitted by Supt. McLaren and a copy submitted to each Commissioner, it was dscided that each member take his copy and consider each item carefully so that they may be prepared to add or deduct from the several items when further consideration of the Budget will be made at the next meeting.

Re. Budget.

From Auditor Boyle stating that in order that he may intelligently present his Budget estimate to the Board of Supervisors he must be furnished with the following data: Name of Department, title of officials, salaries, list of subordinates and their salaries or wage and their classification.

Secretary ihstructed to furnish all data required by the Auditor relative to the above.

Re. Park conditions.

From the Park Presidio Improvement Assn., apologizing for reporting the bad condition of a lavatory at the corner of Fulton and Stanyan Streets. They were mistaken, conditions there, due to causes not necessary to mention, require that conditions hinted at be remedied at the earliest possible moment.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. convenience stations.

From the Park Richmond Improvement Club relative to lack of convenience stations in the Park and Beach, one should be placed on the Beach near the exit of the Park and one in the Panhandle connecting the Park and Presidio about the neighborhood of Clement Street.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Jefferson Square transferred to Playground Commission.

From the Outdoor Art League, protesting against using Jefferson Square as a Playground.

This question was considered at a previous meeting of the Board and referred to Supt. McLaren for report. The Superintendent reported in favor of transferring the jurisdiction from the Park Commission to the Playground Commission of that portion of Jefferson Square bounded by Turk Street on the south, Golden Gate Avenue on the north, Gough Street on the west and Laguna Street on the east.

The Board of Park Commissioners agree to cede said portion to the Playground Commission as soon as they notify the Board of Park Commissioners that they have money available to reconstruct said Square into a playground, agreeing not to disturb the four rows of Eucalyptus trees.

Re. Jefferson Sq.

From E. M. Peixotto, Secretary Recreation League, stating that since the previous meeting he had learned from Mr. De Groot of the Playground Commission, that the trees in Jefferson Square were not to be cut down and that it is not the intention to enclose the en-

tire block with an unsightly fence. He trusts that this information will remove some of the objections to the use of Jefferson Square as a playground.

Ordered filed.

Re. use of Cushman Street

From Palmer & Peterson agreeing, at the request of Supt. McLaren, to repair any damage to Park caused by them using the west side of Cushman Street.

Action of Superintendent approved.

Re. Phelan Ave.

From the Board of Public Works quoting a communication received by them from the Board of Supervisors under date of Feb. 2nd, 1917, which reads as follows:

"Board of Public Works,
Gentlemen:

By direction of the Committee on Streets and Sewers the request that the sum of $1,000 be made available to defray the cost of extra grading in connection with the improvement of Phelan Ave. between Ocean and Judson Avenues, said grading to be extended into Balboa Park, was ordered placed on file, no funds being available for this purpose.
Yours truly, J. S. Dunnigan, Clerk, By. J. J. Lynch, Assistant Clerk."

Ordered filed.

Re. new accounting system.

From Klink & Bean Co., who are engaged in preliminary work relative to devising and installing an accounting system for the City and County of San Francisco. Secretary reported that an Expert Accountant was at present examining the accounting system of the Park Commission.

Letter ordered filed.

Re. distribution of booklet.

From M. M. Turner, submitting a booklet entitled "Golden Gate Park Guide" containing all matters pertaining to the Park, to be distributed outside the Park entrances and to be given out free of charge.

The Board disapproved the proposition.

Re. Great Highway.

From the Clinton Construction Co., who at the request of Supt. McLaren, agree to remove all dirt to the level of the Highway when they do the back-filling of the sewer to the entire satisfaction of the Superintendent.

Action approved.

Re. Panhandle Playground.

From Mrs. F. L. Allen, requesting that some bark be spread on the ground of the new playground for children in the Panhandle.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. Siam Bldg.

From Eugene Shelby, Asst. Secretary to the Mayor, relative to the possible use of the Siam Temple as a Club House for the Golden Gate Park Tennis players.

Referred to Pres. Lindley.

Re. memorial to Mrs. Lovell White.

From the Outdoor Art League, by recording secretary, Mrs. E. J. Linbaugh, requesting that a space in Golden Gate Park be set aside to be planted with trees to be dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Lovell White, ceremony to be on Saturday, April 21st, 1917, at 2 P.M.

This permission has already been granted, at a previous meeting, at the request of Mrs. Geo. T. Marsh, vice president of the same League.

Mrs. Linbaugh so notified.

Supt. McLaren's report.

Supt. McLaren's report for the month of January 1917, read and adopted and recommendations approved. That portion of the report relative to Jefferson Square conditionally approved on the acquisition by the Playground Commission of funds to fit up a playground in said Square.

Supt. Taylor's report.

Report of Supt. Taylor for January, 1917 read and copies ordered sent each Commissioner.

Report on milk.

From the Board of Public Health on milk and cream read and declared unsatisfactory.

Referred to Supt. Taylor.

Report on water.

Report on water in the Park from the Board of Public Health, read and referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. vacation.

Mrs. M. Mahoney, caretaker at the Park Museum, was permittsd by the Board to take her vacation at this time instead of later in the year.

Re. gateway and entrance to Park.

The Parkway Terrace Improvement Club was represented by a delegation of ladies and gentlemen who requested an entrance into the Park at 26th Avenue, a path to Metson Lake and some swings, etc., for children.

A design was submittcd for a gateway sometime ago but was not approved by the Board. A new one has been requested, the acceptance of which was referred to Com. Cummings to whom the matter has been referred.

Re. Breon Room.

From Cushing & Cushing requesting a certified copy of the resolution of the Board relative to the Breon Memorial Room at the Park Museum.

Secretary reported having complied with the request.

ADJOURNED.

There being no further business before the Board ths meeting adjourned subject to thc call of the President.

Secretary Park Commissioners

San Francisco, February 23rd, 1917.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Friday, February 23rd, 1917

Present were: Pres. Curtis H. Lindley,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Com. John A. McGregor,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum.

Minutes approved.

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to the Commissioners, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, adopted as the minutes of the meeting held February 8th, 1917.

Re. Becker Memorial.

Mr. Wm. Knowles, Architect, representing Clemintine Monet and Hugh Goodfellow, submitted a design for a panorama or Corinthian colonnade structure to be located preferably on the summit of Strawberry Hill. It is intended as a memorial to the husband of Mrs. B. A. Becker, former president of the German Savings & Loan Society. The material for its construction will be either concrete or terra cotta. A bronze statue "The Sun Kiss" modelled by Edgar Walters will occupy a nich in the main axis. A circular basin typifying the "waters of life" will show the reflection of the colonnade, trees and sky. A bequest of $42,000. has been provided for this memorial.

Referred to Pres. Lindley and Com. Cummings.

Re. improvement of Montgomery Street.

From the North Central Improvement Association calling attention of the Park Commissioners to a greatly desired improvement of Montgomery Street between Vallejo and Green.

Secretary instructed to notify the Club that as this block is not an accepted street, the City has no jurisdiction over same. The Park Commissioners, having no jurisdiction, cannot expend their funds on this work.

Re. City Planning.

From the Unitarian Club of California, stating that at their last meeting Willis Polk made an appeal on City Planning, saying that the United States Government, State of California, Board of Supervisors and the Park Commissioners and the Preservation League would augment power and effect by following a well considered, forward-looking plan. Secretary instructed to notify Club that until the present Legislature enacts some one of the bills on city planning, now before the Legislature, the Park Commissioners will take the matter under advisement.

Re. Greek casts.

From the San Francisco Art Association expressing a sincere hope that the Hon. Board of Park Commissioners will see fit to permit the collection of Greek casts to remain in the Palace of Fine Arts indefinitely, under the condition that they be surrendered whenever the City shall make such a demand.

This request was granted upon the conditions named in the letter of John Walter, President of the Association.

Re. bond of secretary.

From Jas. C. Hayburn, receipt for renewal of the bond of Secretary James de Succa for the year 1917.

Ordered filed.

Re. Polytechnic High School Grounds.

From the Department of Education advising the Park Board that $500. is now available for parking, seeding and the completion of the grounds of the Polytechnic High School. Demands to be paid by the School Board, work to be under the direction of Supt. McLaren and performed

by Park labor.

Ordered filed.

Re. Lobos Square.

From the Playground Commission enclosing copy of letter sent the Park Commission explaining that the Playground Commissioners have no funds for the development of Lobos Square at the present time but will accept and improve the grounds as soon as funds are available.

Ordered filed.

Re. Jefferson Sq.

From Playground Commission advising their willingness to accept Jefferson Square for a playground for which they have asked a special appropriation in their Budget to improve this square the coming fiscal year.

Ordered filed.

Re. sea lions

From W. L. Smith requesting information relative to sea lions.

Referred to Secretary.

Re. position in Museum.

From F. H. Housman making application for a position in the Museum.

Secretary instructed to notify him that there are no vacancies at present.

Re. electric light poles in Park.

From Pacific Gas & Electric Company relative to the substitution of a wooden electric light pole for the iron pole adopted at a previous meeting for the park lighting system.

The action of the Board adopting the iron pole at a previous meeting was re-considered and on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the wooden pole was adopted in place of the iron pole.

Report of Supt. Taylor.

The report of Supt. Taylor of the Childrens'

Quarters from February 1st, 1916 to December 1st, 1916 showing total receipts $33,644.00, expenditures being $34,687.81 leaving a deficit of $1,023.81. Deducting permanent and necessary improvements amounting to $2,284.44 leaves a surplus of $1,260.63.

Supt. Taylor requests the authority to adjust the prices on the printed menu to the present cost of food.

Report read and recommendations approved.

Report of Curator Barron.

Report of Curation read and ordered filed.

ADJOURNED.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary Park Commissioners.

San Francisco, March 8th, 1917.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, March 8th, 1917

Present were: Pres. Curtis H. Lindley,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. John A. McGregor.

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to the Commissioners, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, adopted as the minutes of the meeting held February 23rd, 1917.

Re. new tennis club house.

Mr. Greeneberg, representing the Golden Gate Tennis Club, appeared before the Board and spoke in behalf of the new club house announcing that the Club has collected $1400. to contribute towards building the new club house.

Action deferred until the Board of Supervisors act on the $6000. Park estimate for the club house asked for in the Budget.

Re. painting of late Major Gen. Funston.

From Mayor's office enclosing letter from P.A. Ballard, San Antonio, Texas, offering for sale a life sized oil painting of the late Major General Funston.

Secretary instructed to notify Mr. Ballard that owing to a lack of funds the Board declines the offer with thanks.

Re. lease of land.

From Mr. Geo. W. Moore, desiring to lease the part of block of land bounded by Geary, Clement, 29th and 30th Avenues.

Secretary instructed to notify Mr. Moore that the Park Commissioners have no jurisdiction over the said block of land.

Re. asphalt distributor.

From the White Company enclosing folder covering their asphalt distributor for paving purposes, or re-surfacing roads.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. Dewey Monument.

From the City of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., requesting information relative to the Dewey Monument in Union Sq.

Referred to the Secretary.

Re. re-naming Lobos Square.

From the California Club, submitting resolutions adopted by them to the memory of the late Major General Frederick J. Funston and requesting that Lobos Square be re-named "Funston Playground" as a memorial in honor of Major General Funston.

Mrs. Louis Hertz, who appeared before the Board representing the Club, was informed that the matter would be taken under further consideration in view of the fact that Lobos Square was, by request of the Playground Commission transferred to their jurisdiction and accepted by them conditionally with the understanding that they will take charge of the Square when money is provided by the Board of Supervisors for its care and improvement as contained in the Budget of the Playground Commission.

The Board of Park Commissioners do not think it within their province to change the name of Lobos Square under the above mentioned conditions.

Re. re-naming Lobos Square.

From the Exposition-Golden Gate Valley Improvement Club stating that resolutions had been adopted by the Club urging that the name of Lobos Square be changed to "Funston Playground."

Answered in the same manner as the communication from the California Club, as appears on Page 2.

Re. Budget.

From E. Lastredo requesting, on behalf of the North Beach Promotion Assn., that certain recommendations be included in the Budget Estimate for the fiscal year 1917-18 for the improvement of the North Beach District.

Secretary instructed to inform Mr. Lastredo that his communication was received too late as the Park Commissioners' Budget Estimate was filed with the Board of Supervisors February 26th, 1917.

Re. Telegraph Hill Boulevard.

From the North Beach Promotion Assn., informing the Park Commissioners of the adoption of a resolution requesting the Board to set aside in the new Budget Estimate the sum of $20,000. for the construction of the Telegraph Hill Boulevard.

Secretary instructed to inform them that their letter was received too late to be included in the Budget.

Re. Budget.

From the North Beach Promotion Association relative to a resolution adopted by the said Association requesting that provision be made in the Budget for the following improvements:

A house over the present swimming tank, to contain at least one large hall adapted for theatrical purposes, several small rooms, a library room and a complete playfield in Lobos Square to contain baseball diamonds, foot ball fields, tennis courts, hand ball courts, running track, space for field activities and shower bath room, also provision for an Aquatic Park.

Secretary instructed to inform them that

Proposition #1 not under jurisidction of Park Commission.

" #2 Lobos Square has been turned over to the Playground Commission and accepted conditionally.

" #3 Too late to be included in Budget.

" #4 Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. lights at 19th Ave.

From R.G. Ready suggesting that, in view of the occasional hold-ups at 19th Avenue and Lincoln Way, about three lights be placed on the cross road that runs from 19th Avenue to the Main Drive, where everybody could reach safety.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. fountain basins.

From A.M. Nicoll stating that on Sunday afternoon he found it necessary to go into one of the Page Fountain basins to rescue a little girl who had fallen face downward into the water which he found to be forty inches deep. He suggests that a fence be constructed around the fountain instead of the benches that surround the basin at present over which the children climb.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Report on milk.

From the Board of Public Health submitting report on milk, cream and ice cream. Referred to Supt. Taylor.

Report on water.

Report of Board of Health on water in Park referred to Supt. McLaren.

Supt. Taylor's report.

Report of Supt. Taylor for February, 1917 read and copies ordered sent each Commissioner.

Curator's report.

Report of Curator Barron read and filed.

Supt. McLaren's report.

Supt. McLaren's report for February, 1917 read in which he reports the construction of a place to park automobiles near the Stadium. Report adopted and recommendations approved.

ADJOURNED.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

SECRETARY-PARK COMMISSIONERS.

San Francisco, March 22nd, 1917.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, March 22nd, 1917,

Present were: Pres. Curtis H. Lindley,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum,
Com. John A. McGregor.

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to the Commissioners, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, adopted as the minutes of the meeting held March 8th, 1917.

Re. catalogue of Museum exhibits.

Mr. E. C. Stock appeared before the Board and stated that he desired to correctly catalogue the exhibits in the Park Museum more particularly the Pioneer Room where he had found in some instances explanations and descriptions far from correct. He had confidence in his ability to truthfully catalogue the exhibit because of his connection with the daily press of San Francisco for over forty eight years.

Referred to Curator Barron for report at next meeting of the Board.

Re. Spooner exhibits.

A request made by Mrs. Emily G. Potter that a large number of paintings belonging to the Spooner Estate be declared as loans to the Park Museum but that the following be considered donations: Mahogany book case, modern Louis XV cabinet, Chair (Saranvold), Brass clock and two brass candelabra. Some doubt existing as to the justice of the request, the matter was referred to former President Metson and Curator Barron.

Re. safety stations.

From Board of Public Works enclosing letter from Oceanside Improvement Club, requesting that safety stations be constructed inside the Park line at 9th and 20th Avenues.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Donation to Museum.

From Marion Craig offering to donate an odd quilt made in the year 1861.

Secretary reported that he had referred the letter to Curator Barron who reported that he had secured the quilt.

Name of Lobos Square changed.

From the Playground Commission advising that they would accept Lobos Square under the name of "Funston Playground".

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the name of Lobos Square was changed to "Funston Playground".

Re. Lobos Square.

From the Civic League of Improvement Clubs requesting that the name of Lobos Square be changed to Funston Playground.

Request granted.

Re. Lobos Square.

From the Board of Supervisors enclosing copy of Resolution #14086 (new series) relative to the death of Major General Frederick Funston and recommending that the name of Lobos Square be changed to Funston Playground

Recommendation approved.

Re. payment of bond.

From the American Bonding Company, receipt showing payment of $5.00 premium on the bond of Mrs. Ida Collett.

Ordered filed.

Police protection for Lincoln Park.

The Board instructed Secretary de Succa to request the Board of Police Commissioners to detail a policeman at Lincoln Park for police duty for at least eight hours each day.

Offer of deer accepted.

From R. B. Spencer offering a buck and doe deer (twins) about ten months old to Golden Gate Park.

Secretary reported that at the request of the Superintendent he had written for the deer.

Action approved.

Re. convenience stations.

From Elsa S. Leon declaring that the provision of convenience stations and drinking fountains should receive first consideration in parks and playgrounds, having particular reference to Huntington Park.

Secretary instructed to inform the lady that $10,000. had been asked for in the Budget for the construction of convenience stations.

Re. Park Budget.

From the Board of Supervisors appointing Wednesday, April 4th at 4 P.M. as the time when they will consider the Park Budget.

Ordered filed.

Re. Stadium Special Fund.

From the Bank of California relative to a balance of $698.36 being the unexpended balance of a sum in excess of $20,000. contributed by the citizens of San Francisco towards the construction of the Stadium in Golden Gate Park, about twelve years ago.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the said balance be withdrawn from the said Bank by the President and Secretary and deposited in the City and County Treasury to be known as the "Stadium Special Fund".

Re. bank books and cancelled checks.

From Hon. Wm. H. Metson the following books, checks, etc., were received, the account in each instance having been closed, the last one closed being the account in the Bank of California: The First National Bank deposit book, Donahus Kelly Banking Company and cancelled checks, Anglo California Trust Co. and cancelled checks,

The Bank of California also check book of the Anglo California Trust Co., statement and cancelled checks of the Mission Bank and bond of Louise La Rue to the Park Commission.

Secretary to acknowledge receipt and thank Mr. Metson.

Re. manure supply.

From the San Francisco Riding School informing the Board that they had received an offer of $300. per year for the manure from the Stable on Fulton St., known as the Golden Gate Riding School.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Superintendent be instructed to enter into a contract with Manager S.E. Kramer for the said privilege for one year.

Re. Budget.

From the Mission Promotion Assn. requesting a copy of the Park Budget recently filed with the Board of Supervisors.

Secretary reported request had been complied with.

Re. new Budget forms.

From the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors stating that special forms, viz. 1-2-3-7-8 Budget have been provided for the purpose of scheduling the estimated requirements for the fiscal year 1917-18 and the presentation of data essential to the consideration of departmental requests, all based upon objects of expenditure.

Secretary reported receipt of forms and that the request is being complied with.

Re. dedication of tree.

From Keith Parlor #137 N.D.G.W. requesting permission to dedicate a tree in Lincoln Park to the memory of their late sister Lydia Carroll.

Request granted.

Re. convenience stations.

From the Park Presidio Merchants Assn. relative to convenience stations at several points in the district and asking the assistance and endorsement of their efforts to procure appropriations sufficient for the purpose.

Secretary instructed to notify the Association that the Park Board has asked for $10,000. in their Budget for the construction of convenience stations.

New engine house for playground.

Com. Greenebaum called the attention of the Commissioners to the delapidated condition of the merry-go-round engine house at the Childrens' Playground.

The Superintendent was authorized to build a new engine house at a cost of $500. as estimated by the Superintendent.

Re. removal of wreckage of Japanese Bldg.

Pres. Lindley called the attention of the Commissioners to the collapse of the Japanese Building during the recent storm. He said the structure was a very flimsy affair and was totally destroyed. The contractor, Wm. Haskins, who was moving the Building to Lobos Square said he had been offered $30. for the wreckage and he would clear the ground if he was allowed the salvage money.

Prss. Lindley accepted his offer. On motion duly made, secondsd and carried the President's action was endorssd.

ADJOURNED.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary Park Commission.

San Francisco, April 5th, 1917.

Called meeting.

At a called meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held at their office, Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park, Thursday, April 5th, 1917

Present were: Pres. Curtis H. Lindley,
Com. M. Earl Cummings,
Com. Sigmund Greenebaum,
Com. A. B. Spreckels,
Absent: Com. John A. McGregor.

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which were sent to the Commissioners, were, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, adopted as the minutes of the meeting held March 22n, 1917.

Re. Becker Memorial.

Pres. Lindley filed a copy of a letter he had sent to Mr. H. Goodfellow and Miss Clementine Monet "Trustees of Trust created by the Last Will of Maria Becker, deceased" which reads as follows:

"The Board of Park Commissioners has had under consideration your communication bearing date February 21, 1917, the accompanying letter of Mr. William Knowles, the architect, and the plans and specifications of a suggested structure to be erected in Golden Gate Park as a memorial to the late Mr. B. A. Becker.

"We are advised by you that there is a fund at your disposal to erect such a memorial, amounting to $42,000. which we understand would be sufficient to complete it according to the plans and specifications submitted.

"I have been instructed by the Board to submit to you its views and action in the premises.

"The artistic and architectural merit of the design is recognized by all of us. Our objection to its erection in Golden Gate Park arises out of our conviction that it is not an appropriate structure, considering the environment. It is in the nature of a monument, and as such does not harmonize with the surroundings of a naturalistic park.

There is a minor objection, that is, the material of which the structure is to be composed. The major objection, however, is the controlling one.

Whatever may have been the policy of the past administrations in connection with erection of memorials in the Park, the present Board expresses the hope that donations and contributions for memorial purposes may accord with the best modern park practice, and take the form of park embellishment or a servicable park utility.

We all appreciate the spirit in which your proposal is made, and regret that we cannot see our way clear to approve of the design submitted.

If it meets with your approval, I would be glad to suggest to the Board the appointment of a committee of the Board, with the Superintendent, to confer with you, in the hope that some satisfactory course may be outlined which would meet with the entire approval of the Trustees and the Board. If you will kindly let me know your pleasure in regard to this, I would be pleased to bring it to the attention of the Board at its next meeting on Thursday, April fifth".

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the action of the President was approved.

Re. Sharp Estate.

Pres. Lindley reported that he was in consultation with Asst. City Attorney English relative to the money of the Sharp Estate in possession of Mr. Samuel G. Murphy who agreed to turn over the land but not the money in his care at present.

Referred to Pres. Lindley with full power to act.

Re. money of Sharp Estate in City Treasury.

Pres. Lindley stated that he believed that the money of the Sharp Estate now in the City Treasury should be placed where it can draw interest.

Com. Greenebaum suggested that it may be placed at interest by Treasurer McDougald.

Referred to Pres. Lindley.

Re. new Memorial Museum.

Pres. Lindley reported that complete arrangements have been made for the laying of the corner-stone of the new Museum Building in Golden Gate Park on Sunday April 15th, 1917. Addresses will be made by Hon. James Rolph, Jr., Mayor of San Francisco, Hon. Samuel

Shortridge and Hon. M. H. De Young. Music will be furnished by the Park Band under the leadership of Prof. Cassasa. Supt. McLaren was directed to construct a suitable platform for the occasion.

Pres. Lindley's action approved.

Re. Chinese Bldg.

A Committee of ladies representing the San Francisco Club appeared before the Board and spoke in favor of the removal of the Chinese Building to Golden Gate Park.

The Board informed the Committee that the Building was unouitable for any useful purpose in Golden Gate Park or any of the other San Francisco parks.

Re. Garfield Sq. as playground.

A Committee of ladies representing the property owners in the vicinity of Garfield Square presented a petition with two hundred and fifty names, protesting against turning over the said Square to the Playground Commission for playground purposes.

The ladies were informed that there io no request of that nature before the Park Commission, and that when such a request is made they will receive notice from the Secretary.

Re. Stadium Special Deposit Fund.

From Treasurer McDougald, receipt showing a deposit of $698.36 to bs known as the "Stadium Special Fund."

This action was ordered at the previous meeting of the Board.

Re. Budget.

From the Board of Supervisors changing time for considoration of Budget Estimate until further notice.

Ordered filed.

Re. police for Lincoln Park.

From Secretary of the Police Commission relative to a police officer at Lincoln Park, stating that the matter had been referred to Chief White.

Ordered filed.

Re. police for Lincoln Park.

From Chief White stating that he expected to soon be able to detail an officer to Lincoln Park.

Ordered filed.

Re. theft of brass hydrant boxes.

From the Chief of Police White relative to the arrest of a man named Clement Chase by Jesse Klapp, Park Special Police Officer, in the employ of the Park Commission, for stealing brass hydrant boxes. He admitted the theft and selling them to a Junk Dealer at 3231 Mission Street. The dealer was arrested and charged with receiving stolen goods which, however, they were unable to find on his premises. Should the property be discovered the Park Board will be advised.

Ordered filed.

Re. observance of Good Friday.

From W. A. Kelly, President of the Society for the Observance of Good Friday, requesting a recess for as many of the Park employees as can be spared on Good Friday between the hours of 12 M. and 3 P.M.

Request approved and details referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. new Improvement Club.

From Dr. C. F. Griffin, President of the Improvement Club of Oceanside, informing the Board of its organization and hoping for co-operation.

Ordered filed.

Re. offer of elk head, declined.

From A. R. Stassforth, offering an Elk head, mounted, about four feet high, with seven antlers on each side.

Offer respectfully declined.

Re. White Pine Blister Rust.

From U. S. Department of Agriculture notice to prevent the introduction into the United States of the White Pine Blister Rust, by forbidding the importation of all currant and gooseberry plants from Asia and Europe.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Offer of deer.

From L. A. Dressler relative to the donation of a Fawn about four months old.

By instructions from Supt. McLaren the gentleman was informed that the Board would be glad to receive the animal, paying all expenses.

Action approved.

Request for Buffalo.

From the Tulare County Board of Forestry, stating that the female Buffalo sent them sometime ago had died. After receiving the best of care they could not save the animal and therefore request the Board to grant them another.

Referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. Chinese Bldg.

From the San Francisco Club asking the co-operation of the Park Board in regard to the removal of the Chinese Building from the Exposition Grounds and placing it in Golden Gate Park.

Secretary instructed to notify the Club that the Building was not suitable for any useful purpose in the Park system of San Francisco and the request denied.

Re. catalogue of Pioneer exhibit.

Letter from Auditor Thos. F. Boyle, from John E. McDougald, Treasurer; Jas. E. Powers, Chairman of the Finande Committee of the Board of Supervisors, and L.F. Byington of the Landsmarks Committee, N.S.G.W., endorsing Mr. E.C. Stock as a man capable to properly catalogue the Pioneer Exhibit in the Park Memorial Museum.

Referred to Com. Cummings.

Report of Supt. McLaren.

Report of Supt. McLaren for the month of March, 1917, adopted and recommendations approved.

Report of Childrens Quarters.

Report of Supt. Taylor of the Childrens' Quarters for the month of March, 1917 received and copies ordered sent the Commissioners.

Report on milk and cream.

Report of the Board of Public Health on cream and milk reported o.k. by Supt. Taylor.

Report on water.

Report of the Board of Public Health on water used in Park, referred to Supt. McLaren.

Re. Pickering Lot.

Secretary instructed to notify Mr. Fremont Older that investigation is being made by Pres. Lindley relative to the status of the Pickering Lot.

Geo. H. Barron suspended.

At executive session of the Board it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that Geo. H. Barron, Curator of the Park Museum, be suspended from active duty, Wm. Altmann, Assistant, to act as Curator until further notice from the Board.

Secretary instructed to so notify Mr. Barron.

To advertise for hose and clay.

The Secretary was instructed to advertise for four thousand feet, one inch garden hose and two thousand cubic yards of clay for Lincoln Park.

ADJOURNED.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Secretary Park Commissioners.

763

769